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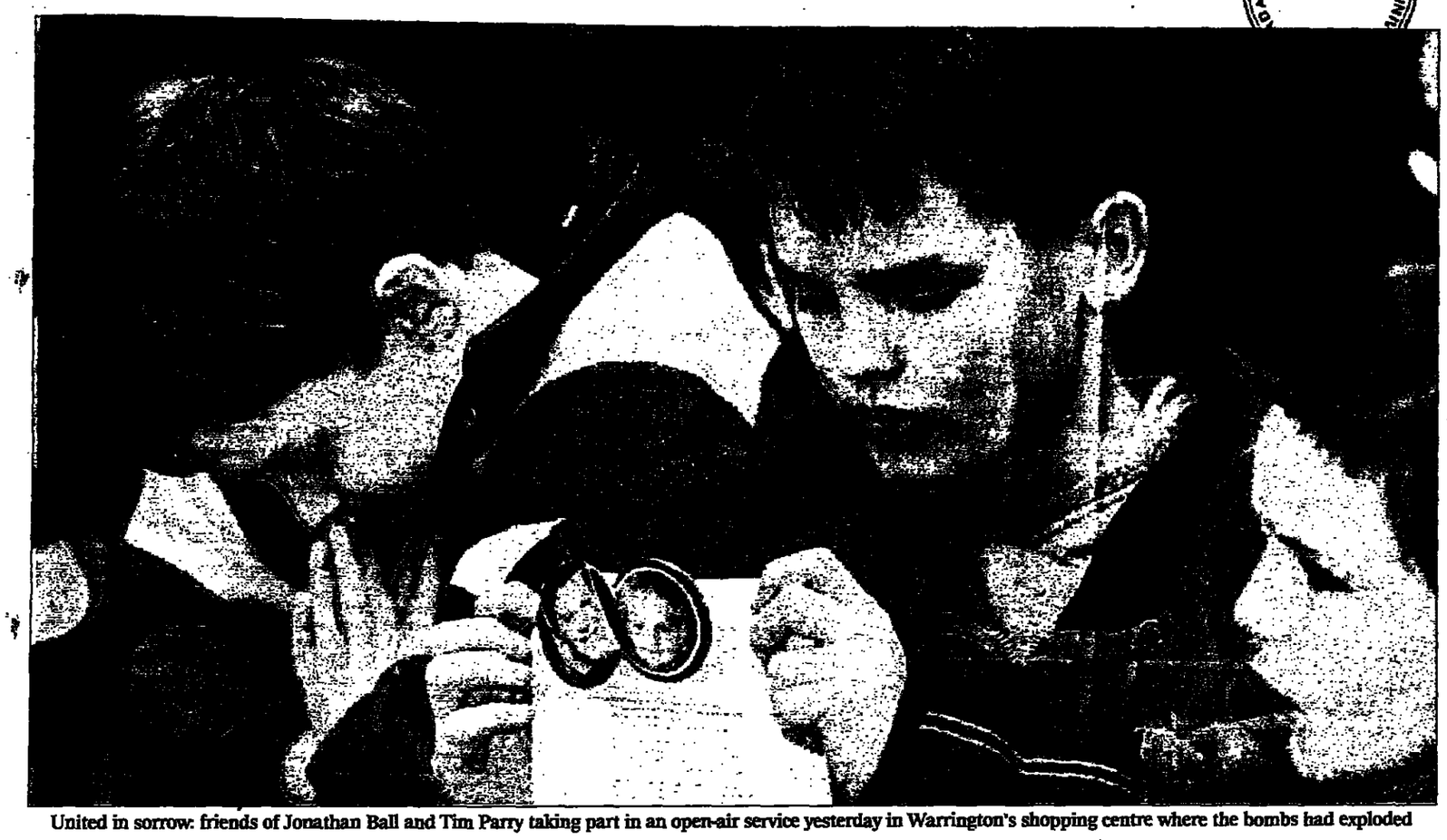
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United in sorrow: friends of Jonathan Ball and Tim Parry taking part in an open-air service yesterday in Warrington's shopping centre where the bombs had exploded

Leaders grieve for the IRA bomb victims

By Paul Wilkinson

MARY Robinson, the president of Ireland, and John Major met to grieve and pray for an end to bloodshed yesterday at an ecumenical service for the two young victims of the IRA bomb in Warrington.

In a letter sent to coincide with the service, President Clinton added his support to efforts to bring peace. "Violence" he wrote, "from whatever quarter can never be justified. The United States condemns in the strongest terms such violence and those who support and perpetuate it." Mr Clinton said that he hoped that "out of this tragedy will emerge a new determination to seek peace and reconciliation through dialogue."

Mrs Robinson, headed a delegation from Dublin to the memorial service in the Cheshire town where an IRA street bomb on Mother's day last month killed Jonathan Ball, 3, and fatally injured Tim Parry, 12.

Mr Major flew to the service directly from a visit to Northern Ireland where only hours before the prime minister had announced new plans for the resumption of inter-party talks on Ulster.

The ecumenical service for the two boys was also intended, its organisers said, to demonstrate reconciliation and commitment to achieving peace. "Reconciliation is a difficult word, often misunderstood," the Most Reverend Derek Worlock, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, said in his address.

"It is important because it is a two-way word, for it means more than forgiveness. It means making friends again where there has been hostility. It makes demands. It is hard to achieve. It calls for perseverance and trust. It calls for courage, not weakness. It is

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Race results



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Patten fails to head off teachers' test boycott

By Ben Preston

SCHOOLS face the most widespread industrial action since the pay strikes of the mid-1980s after John Patten, education secretary, yesterday failed to pacify teaching unions by announcing a review to streamline the national curriculum and testing.

He condemned boycotts of next term's tests for seven and 14-year-olds, which he said must go ahead. But the prospect of disruption for more than a million pupils increased as the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers said its boycott would continue. The largest union, the National Union of Teachers, is expected to join the action after its weekend conference.

The third classroom union, the moderate Association of Teachers and Lecturers, could leave government education policy in tatters when it decides at its conference in Cardiff today whether to ballot members on a boycott. Head teachers say the tests will collapse if ATL refuses to mark or administer them.

The ATL vote was on a knife-edge after Mr Patten, in his first speech to a teachers' conference, received a muted response for proposals to make the curriculum coherent, manageable and flexible. After intense pressure last night, the union's executive

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Pope opens door to C of E rebels

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

■ The depth of unease over the decision to ordain women priests will alarm the Church of England as increasing numbers of clergy seek to defect to Rome

THE Roman Catholic Church yesterday opened the door to hundreds of rebel Anglican priests who want to defect in a move that could herald the biggest schism in western Christendom since the Reformation.

In an unprecedented statement, the Vatican said that the Catholic Church "has answered positively" requests from Anglicans opposed to women's ordination. *La Stampa*, a leading Italian paper with close links with the Vatican, said yesterday about 1,000 Church of England clergy, including some bishops, wished to defect.

The Vatican statement, issued by Joaquim Navarro-Vals, director of its press office, said that the Catholic Church must respect the conscience of those who "find themselves in difficulty within the Anglican communion". The statement was the first Vatican comment on an issue that has split the Church of England since the Catholic Church described November's decision to ordain women priests as a grave obstacle to full unity between Rome and Canterbury.

It is being seen as the first clear signal that the door is open for Anglican clergy who wish to become Roman Catholic priests. *La Stampa*, quoting Vatican sources, said that it had opened the door to Anglican defectors but was insisting that it was not enough to oppose women priests. Anglican clergy would have to go through a process of conversion, accepting all Roman Catholic doctrine.

In the past few months, increasing numbers of Anglican clergy who cannot accept the ordination of women priests have met Catholic bishops in England to "discuss their future".

In the Oxford diocese, ten clergy are set on becoming Roman Catholic, according to their bishop, the Right Rev Richard Harries. In dioceses such as London, Chichester and Durham the figures are higher. Some Anglicans say that between 500 and 1,000 could defect across all 44 dioceses. Bishop Harries said the loss of the high church Anglo-Catholic tradition to Rome would be "very sad".

According to the Rev Peter Geldard, an Anglican who may defect and who has been involved in talks with Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, about 250 would go immediately a path was found. Others could follow later. Such clergy say that the issue is not one of women priests but whether the Church of England had the authority for such a decision.

Cardinal Hume was not available for comment, but a spokesman for the Catholic Church in England said that it was a "fair guess" that up to 300 Anglicans might change.

The Vatican statement addresses the problem of relations between the two churches, which could descend to a new low if large numbers make the transfer. Dr Navarro-Vals said: "The search for full and visible unity will continue. Ordination of women constitutes a serious obstacle to this search." He said that "no contradiction should be seen" between proposals to be issued on dissenting Anglicans after Easter by Catholic bishops and the continuing search for unity.

He said: "Cardinal Hume and other Roman Catholic bishops in England have stressed that the Roman Catholic Church has answered positively to the requests for discussions on the part of those Anglican groups in a spirit of pastoral solicitude; many of these Anglicans are deeply perplexed and are trying to discern how they should answer to the changed situation of the Church of England."

Only a handful of Anglican clergy have become Catholic priests in recent years. Those who do defect have never been given parishes but normally find work as chaplains. A special "Anglican rite" is likely to be proposed to accommodate married Anglican clergy.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York were unavailable for comment last night. A Church of England spokesman "warmly welcomed" the continuing commitment to the search for full communion between the two churches.

Thousands take an extra day of holiday

By James Landale and Charlotte Nesser

THE Easter break starts early today, with airports expected to be crowded with holiday-makers leaving for the "double" bank holiday weekend.

Heathrow is coping with its busiest Easter, with a million passengers this week, more than 150,000 of them today. Gatwick airport will handle 250,000 passengers over the four-day period.

The Association of British Travel Agents estimates that some 350,000 people will be taking package holidays this weekend, either to the southern Mediterranean or to the Continent. Michael Grindrod, president of Abta, said that the large numbers showed that people were "taking advantage of extended weekends to have a break from the recession".

For those staying in the UK, the London Weather Centre predicts a mixture of sunshine and showers: "It will be a wet and unsettled holiday."

The AA expects traffic to build from lunchtime today as people leave work early to avoid jams. They advise drivers to leave early and allow plenty of time for the journey. Congestion is likely near theme parks, leisure spots and car boot sales.

British Rail, preparing for one of its most hectic periods, said services to Europe would be busy.

All the big stores in Oxford Street and Regent Street in London will be open tomorrow and on Saturday and Monday.

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Morillon leads bid to rescue Muslims

By Tim Judah in Belgrade and Sheila Gunn

GENERAL Philippe Morillon, commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia, was last night leading a convoy of four armoured vehicles to Srebrenica in a desperate attempt to save the people of the besieged Muslim enclave.

His dramatic gesture came after weeks of futile negotiation to stop the Serb advance on Srebrenica and UN attempts to begin an emergency evacuation of thousands of civilians. About 150 Canadian blue berets are to follow General Morillon today.

A UN spokesman said: "His intention is not to blast or force his way in . . . We will persevere and negotiate." The general's action provoked an immediate and angry reaction from leaders of the Bosnian Serbs. Momcilo Krajisnik, president of the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb parliament, said his assembly had forbidden the deployment of UN troops on its territory.

Britain yesterday offered up to 12 fighter aircraft to Nato to enforce the UN no-fly zone over Bosnia. Six Tornado F3 fighters will be made available, backed by mid-air refuelling tankers, with the option of a further six if needed. But Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, played down the prospect of immediate deployment of the aircraft, insisting that it was up to Nato to decide how many should be involved. "To believe that somehow there is a simple military solution, a sort of John Wayne solution whereby you go in with guns blazing, sort it out and then leave a few weeks or months later . . . history tells us that does not work," he said.

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Nuclear cloud over Siberia after blast

From Michael Binyon in Moscow

A RADIOACTIVE cloud from an explosion at the Tomsk nuclear reprocessing plant was moving across Siberia yesterday as scientists flew to make urgent medical tests and investigate the cause of the accident.

The Russian nuclear energy ministry played down any comparison with the Chernobyl disaster, but admitted that the accident, which spewed uranium solution from a steel tank, was serious. A two-mile stretch of road near the Tomsk-7 plant, which is some ten miles from the city centre, was found to be contaminated, and snow and soil were being removed in urgent clean-up operations.

Officials said the cloud was moving towards unpopulated areas in the Siberian Taiga. Viktor Danilov-Danilyan, ecology minister, refused to forecast what the long-term damage might be, but Russian Greenpeace officials said some of the surrounding area would be uninhabitable permanently.

Officials put the level of radiation at several hundred times less than that caused by the Chernobyl accident.

Preliminary reports suggest that the explosion, which happened about mid-day on Tuesday, was caused by a reaction of gases in a container in which chemical fuel was processing waste containing uranium. The concrete lid blew off, causing a fire in the roof of the plant. No one was in the building at the time.

Although there appears to have been no serious medical consequence, the accident has renewed public concern over nuclear safety and Russia's ageing nuclear power plants.

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Settlement hopes ride on a tide of anger over Warrington deaths

Major steps up pressure to restart Irish talks

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major stepped up the pressure on Northern Ireland political leaders yesterday to return to the negotiating table, reminding them that this was the wish of most people in Britain, Northern Ireland and the Irish republic.

The prime minister, completing the second day of his first visit to Northern Ireland in just over a year, repeatedly urged politicians to harness the mood for peace in the wake of the IRA bombings in Warrington and to start talking. But this time, he said, real compromises would have to be made and politicians would have to show the courage and flexibility that this required.

Mr Major, speaking in Strabane, co. Tyrone, said when political leaders start to talk they "must be prepared to move away from entrenched positions. There must be a greater willingness on all sides to show flexibility in return for flexibility".

Earlier in Londonderry, he spoke of his belief that everyone in Northern Ireland now wanted the war to end. "I think there is a great feeling right across the province that people want a settlement. They want peace. They want an end to the murder. That is the mood I hope the politicians will have the courage and the wit to grasp."

Mr Major also gave his support to the development announced on Tuesday by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, that the government would try to push the process in the right direction by offering possible models for devolution at the outset. The move is designed to try to focus on detailed options about how Northern Ireland might be governed, the key area of dispute between moderate nationalists and unionists.

The prime minister's optimism that perhaps after the local elections in May, a constructive spirit could lead to a return to talks for the first time since November seemed hardly justified by the reaction of Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist party.

Mr Paisley said Mr Major was being hypocritical to come to Northern Ireland and talk about his support for the talks when, in Dr Paisley's view, it was he who had destroyed the last set by agreeing secretly with the Irish government to hold a meeting of the Anglo Irish Conference, despite knowing in advance this would lead to unionists withdrawing from the process.

The DUP leader said he had no intention of returning to the negotiating table until articles two and three of the Irish constitution, which claimed jurisdiction over Northern Ireland, had been unilaterally scrapped — something which is unthinkable in Dublin.

The IRA made its own views clear with a coincidental mortar bomb attack on Crossmaglen police and army barracks in South Armagh, which caused minor damage and injured three soldiers.

However, much of the effort expended over the past two days to try to rekindle interest in the process may go to waste since, with the marching season following hard on the heels of the local elections, substantive new negotiations may not be possible before the late summer.

Memorial service, page 1

☐ The IRA yesterday resumed its mainland campaign with a small bomb close to King's Cross station. The target for the bomb, placed in an alley off Argyle Square, was a Conservative club. There were no injuries.

TREVOR McBRIDE



In the mood: Major meets British soldiers in Londonderry, saying everyone wants an end to the war

Leaders grieve for Warrington victims

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the only way to true peace and understanding. It is possible even where previous efforts have failed. Even to lay aside sectarian hatred is possible, as we have attempted to show here," he said.

The simple but moving service was held at the parish church of St Elphin's in the town centre. Some of the 1,000 places were taken by invited guests. The Queen was represented by the Duke of Edinburgh. Also present were John Smith, the Labour leader, and civic heads from both sides of the Irish Sea.

Most of the pews were filled by townspeople. Scores more listened to loudspeakers outside, united first in remembrance and then an act of commitment, pledging to work towards reconciliation in Ireland. Some of them had already attended another equally poignant service held earlier at the site in Warrington's shopping centre where the two bombs had exploded.

The theme of both yesterday's services echoed the words spoken by so many since the explosions, that "enough is enough". The mood was encapsulated at St Elphin's in a reading from Revelation by Phillip Mears, chaplain to Warrington general hospital where the dead and injured had been taken. "I saw a new heaven and a new earth ... there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

Among all the prayers and words of reconciliation, a message to the IRA was expressed by Cardinal Cahal Daly, Archbishop of Armagh, in a letter to Bishop Warlock. "Please stop this senseless campaign," he wrote. "Please cease to dishonour the name of Ireland. For God's sake, stop now."

NEWS IN BRIEF

BR to meet unions to avert strikes

British Rail will today meet leaders of the two rail unions threatening a one-day strike next week in an effort to avert the planned action. However, union leaders are already talking privately of further strikes. Aslef said its 16,000 members would join the 24-hour strike by the 38,000 BR members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union on Friday week.

Aslef rejected mounting a strike on another day to minimise disruption. Derek Fullick, the union's general secretary, said: "We don't want to hit the public any more than we have to because the public in the main are supporting us." Both BR and the RMT thought there was scope to settle the RMT's 24-hour stoppage, though all sides said privately last night that the likelihood of next week's strike going ahead had increased markedly.

Benefit rules 'are trap'

Many of the eight million people on income support are caught in a benefits trap, according to a report published today by the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux. "Many claimants would dearly love the chance to become self-supporting but are prevented from doing so by the stark cut-off of help which can occur if income support is no longer available," it says. The plight of people facing the withdrawal of mortgage help is said to be particularly bad, deterring them from moving off benefit into low-paid jobs.

Tories pay for new tax

Better-off families in the Tory heartlands of southern England are the main losers under the switch from the poll tax to the council tax. A survey by the Institute of Fiscal Studies says two thirds of households gain from the switch and one third lose. The gainers are the poor, those living in houses ranging from band A to band D, and families with more than two adults. The average gain for band A houses is £103 a year. The losers are those earning more than £30,000 a year, those in band E to band H houses and single people.

Gun sale may be halted

The sale of the revolver that killed Jesse James could be blocked after claims that it is stolen property. The gun was expected to fetch £60,000 at the Wallis and Wallis auction in Lewes, East Sussex, on April 28. But Henry Lingenfelder, the former owner's son, says it was illegally removed from a museum in 1968 and that the anonymous American vendor has no right of title. A lawyer for Mr Lingenfelder and the insurance company that paid out $9,000 25 years ago has asked for the sale to be stopped.

Litter man to appeal

Vaughan Watkins, who was fined £1,200 for throwing an empty crisp packet out of his car, won an award two years ago for clearing up litter, it was disclosed yesterday. Mr Watkins, now aged 20, was honoured by the Keep Wales Tidy organisation for a project, during which he travelled ten miles from his home in Cwmbran, Gwent, and gave up hours of his free time. Now Mr Watkins, who receives £67 dole every fortnight, is to appeal against the fine imposed by Cwmbran magistrates. Sentencing enquiry, page 7

Doctor's passport fraud

A doctor was given a suspended sentence at Southwark Crown Court, central London, after he admitted being part of a conspiracy to obtain British passports. Mohammed Khan, a homoeopathic practitioner and president of the Muslim Association and Pakistan Welfare Association, signed passport applications for people he did not really know, and in one case, had never met. The court was told that Khan, 60, had been duped by people he trusted. Khan was also ordered to pay £630 prosecution costs.

Doctors back therapies

Nearly three-quarters of fund-holding family doctors believe that therapies such as acupuncture, osteopathy and aromatherapy should be available on the health service. A survey by the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts indicates that alternative treatments may be becoming more accepted by mainstream practitioners.

Whiplash denies stunt



Lindi St Clair, left, the self-styled Miss Whiplash and campaigner for prostitutes' rights who became the subject of a police search after her car was found abandoned in January at Beachy Head, East Sussex, returned to Britain yesterday. Stepping ashore from the cruise liner *Canberra*, she denied that her disappearance had been a publicity stunt to promote her biography, saying: "It's total humbug."

Out of the frying pan

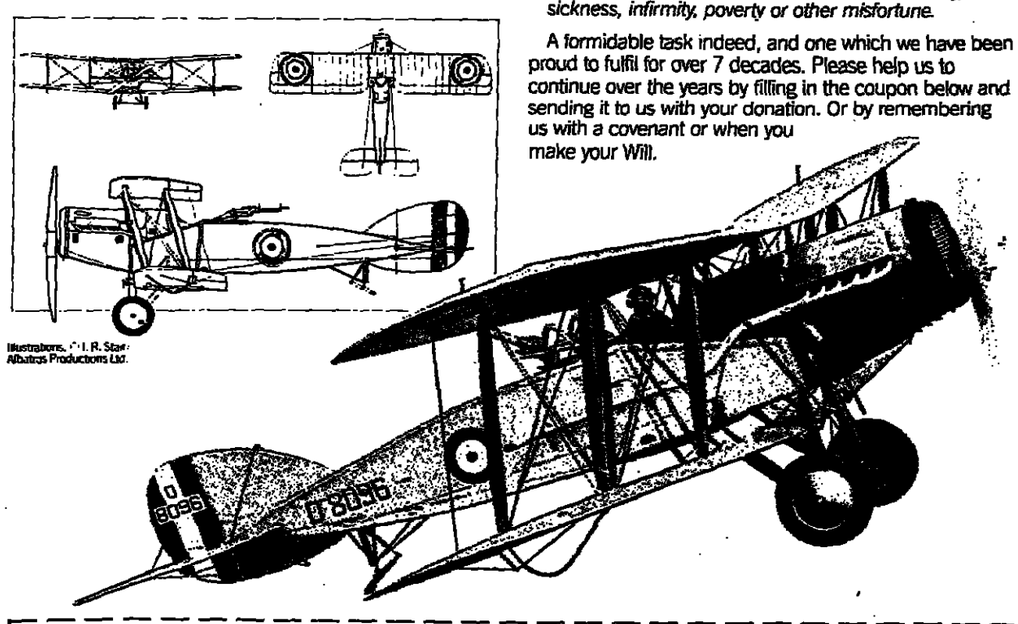
Mick Watson, 42, who runs a fish shop in Keelby, Lincolnshire, and claims to have eaten fish and chips daily for the past 25 years, says that he has passed a cholesterol test with flying colours. A spokesman for the British Medical Association conceded the result was surprising and surmised that Mr Watson enjoyed an unusual metabolism.

Branson buys Airbuses

Virgin Atlantic yesterday ordered four new Airbus A340 aircraft worth £300 million. The deal, signed by Richard Branson, is the first British order for the plane, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake. The first aircraft is due to be delivered in October and will be used on Virgin's Athens service and other new routes.

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WE TOOK OFF IN 1919... TWO WORLD WARS AGO



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Patten fails to pacify teachers

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decided unanimously to withdraw support for its resolution against balloting members. Senior figures dismissed Mr Patten's concessions as insubstantial.

Mr Patten drew hollow laughter when he said the new School Curriculum and Assessment Authority would try to address the problem of providing schools with timely and accurate information about tests and the curriculum. Teachers have repeatedly criticised its predecessors — the National Curriculum Council and the School Examinations and Assessment Council — for incompetence.

Peter Smith, ATL general secretary, said the speech was remarkably conciliatory and was received courteously. But the mood turned against Mr Patten when he described his reception as "warm" on the lunchtime television news.

Ann Taylor, Labour education spokeswoman, said Mr Patten had failed to follow his logic and make the English and technology tests for 14-year-olds optional this summer. "The tests will collapse next term. It is only a question of whether they collapse in an orderly fashion because the secretary of state makes them voluntary," she said.

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Mothers risk loss of benefit

UNMARRIED mothers who are claiming benefit and who refuse to name the fathers of their children are to be the subject of a clampdown on maintenance dodgers.

About 22,000 women last year resisted demands from social security staff to identify their former partners: 1,000 of them said they were afraid of violence.

Under the new system for collecting maintenance, which came into force this week, staff at the Child Support Agency (CSA) can order their benefit docked unless the women can prove that identifying the father will cause "undue harm or distress".

Ministers hope that securing maintenance payments for children in one-parent families will save £530 million in the first year by removing the need for many to draw state benefits.

Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, said at the official launch of the CSA that it was the most important change in social policy for decades. It would give children the right to support from both parents, reduce the burden on taxpayers and encourage lone parents back to work. The agency will eventually be responsible for all child maintenance work, expected to cover two million families.

Barbara Amiel, page 20

Lawyers win go-ahead to test Mackay

SOLICITORS won permission yesterday to bring a High Court challenge against the Lord Chancellor's plan to cut legal aid.

The Law Society won the go-ahead after Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, decided not to oppose its application for leave to seek a judicial review of the reforms, which reduce the income limit for free legal aid and advice, and increase personal contributions towards court cases. Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny said the case should be heard as soon as possible in view of the enormous public interest. Michael Beloff QC, for the society, which represents 59,000 solicitors in England and Wales, said in the circumstances it was decided not to apply for a court order suspending the changes — which come into force on Easter Monday — until after the legal challenge was concluded.

The society claims that up to 14 million people could be affected by the new regulations. Lord Mackay dismissed the figure as "absurd" and said that, on last year's figures when 3.4 million people used legal aid, only 250,000 would either fail to receive free legal aid or have to pay more.

A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department said it would "strongly oppose" the judicial review application. "In the meantime the Lord Chancellor does not propose to delay the implementation of the regulations."

Mr Beloff told the judge both sides had reached "a combined view" that the issues should be argued out at a full court hearing.

The society will seek a declaration at the full hearing that the Lord Chancellor acted outside his powers under the 1988 Legal Aid Act. It will also ask the High Court to quash the regulations and order Lord Mackay to consult the society fully on each of the proposed changes to the Legal Aid Scheme. The society says its fundamental concern is that many people will be without the means to gain access to lawyers and thus to justice.

Justice act, page 7

CORRECTION

The name of Sir Michael Connell, the High Court judge who will head the Jockey Club's Grand National enquiry, was incorrectly reported in yesterday's sports pages as Donnell. We apologise to Sir Michael for the error.

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Fitness teacher sparked £20,000 hunt

Bulimia sufferer faked abduction to avoid Christmas

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A FITNESS teacher whose disappearance sparked a £20,000 police hunt went missing because she suffered from an eating disorder and could not face the Christmas festivities, a court was told yesterday.

When Joanna Grenside finally reappeared after two days, she told police she had been abducted from her car, driven away, locked in a room and assaulted. Eventually Grenside, 25, admitted she had staged her disappearance and been hiding at Heathrow airport.

She told police she had suffered from bulimia, in which sufferers have eating binges and then vomit the food, since her early teens.

Yesterday Grenside pleaded guilty at St Albans magistrates' court to wasting police time and was given a conditional discharge for 12 months and ordered to pay £150 costs. Pat Larner, chairman of the bench, said he would not order her to contribute to police costs because she was suspended from her job and had little means.

Grenside, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, left the courthouse smiling and told reporters: "I am pleased it's over." But she refused to comment any further. The court was told she is receiving treatment from an expert on eating disorders at the Royal Free Hospital in London.



Grenside: could not face festive eating

Det Insp David Lane said he thought the outcome was good for Grenside and police were "perfectly happy" with the result. He said he agreed with Mr Larner that the case should not stop people coming forward with allegations of abduction or sexual assault.

Patrick Fields, for the prosecution, told the court that alarm at Grenside's disappearance was first raised last December by colleagues at the Harpenden fitness centre when she failed to arrive for a class.

A search of the area by police revealed a rape alarm by her parked car but no sign of Grenside. As a result a "large-scale" enquiry was started with dogs, divers, a helicopter and many officers involved. "It is estimated 1,800 hours of police time was invested in the enquiry and the cost was £20,387.87," Mr Fields said.

Two days later, Grenside turned up at the fitness centre and made the abduction claims. Police brought in a consultant psychologist who advised that questioning should cease over the weekend. Officers made enquiries about a case in Australia, where Miss Grenside had lived for three years, in which a woman had faked her own disappearance.

"When interviews with Miss Grenside were recommenced on the Monday, officers made it clear that she was no longer believed. Almost immediately Miss Grenside broke down and admitted that the whole thing was a hoax," said Mr Fields. "The prime reason for all of this was that Christmas was looming and she couldn't face the prospect of the round of parties and, in particular, the food."

Michael Allan, for the defence, said bulimia gave rise to a feeling of shame. Grenside and other sufferers felt they had to keep their activities secret from their nearest and dearest.

Bulimia victims often eldest daughters

TWO per cent of women aged between 15 and 40 suffer from bulimia, according to Hubert Lacey, professor of psychiatry at St George's Hospital medical school, southwest London.

Professor Lacey said that while few sufferers would, like Joanna Grenside, go into hiding, many would find the combination of family relationships and food at Christmas difficult to bear (Stewart Tendler writes).

The disease, from which the Princess of Wales is reported to have suffered, involves eating binges followed by periods of self-starvation or vomiting. Unlike anorexia nervosa, there is no dramatic weight loss.

The disease starts on average at the age of 18, vomiting begins at 21 and sufferers are attending a clinic by their mid-20s. Professor Lacey said that a quarter of sufferers were married and a fifth had children.

They become ill usually because of parental or mental problems. The women are often eldest or only daughters or living at home during adolescence. The difficulties start when they try to have their first significant relationship.

This may lead to a sense of failure and they respond with a diet which fails. The next step is binge eating and then they vomit the food.

Treatment and therapy, involving out-patient clinics, is usually successful, Professor Lacey said. A small percentage of sufferers develop drink and drug problems and are often treated in hospital.



Easter accessory: a rabbit takes a restful view of the world during a modelling session for an Easter hat, priced at £286, in London yesterday. The hat was part of a collection by the milliner Frederick Fox

Pop star Holly says he has HIV

BY JAMIE DETTMER

HOLLY Johnson, the lead singer of the defunct pop group Frankie Goes to Hollywood, confirmed yesterday that he has HIV, the Aids virus.

Johnson, an open homosexual whose most famous song, *Relax*, urged gays to take pride in their sexuality, said he discovered he had the virus only a few days before the death of Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of Queen. He insisted that it would not force him to lead a "closeted, negative" life.

Johnson's announcement comes in an interview in this Saturday's *The Times Magazine*. He discusses his fears and recalls the friends who have died from Aids. He says he hopes that the press will refrain from suggesting that he is "basically getting his just desserts.

"I've had some moments of black despair but it's a lot, lot worse for some people," he says. He found out that he had the virus while being treated for Kaposi's sarcoma. "It was a week or so before I received any counselling, and even then it was of no help initially, because I was in such a state of panic ... I could hardly hear what was said to me for fear of the media and what they would do when they got hold of the story. I imagined the headlines ... I was afraid that the first thing they'd say was that this person who'd promoted a promiscuous homosexual lifestyle had got his comeuppance."

Johnson, 33, said he did not accept the argument that his former way of life was responsible for his current plight. He said that catching the virus was the result not of promiscuity but the consequence of failing to wear a condom. He argued that "safe sex" education came to Britain too late and that the British were slow to realise the full implications of the disease. Johnson's long-time partner, Wolfgang Kuhle, is HIV negative.

As the frontman of Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Johnson was at the forefront of one of the most flamboyant, albeit short-lived, success stories in British pop music. The group's debut hit, *Relax*, remains Britain's second highest-selling single.

Sterilised mother wins £140,000 for son

A MOTHER of seven won £140,679 damages in the High Court yesterday for the bungled sterilisation operation that led to the birth of her youngest son.

The court was told that Phyllis Cort, a primary school teacher and a devout Roman Catholic, of Clapham, southwest London, decided to have the sterilisation at St Thomas's Hospital in August 1988. She was 38 at the time and had four daughters and two sons, now aged from 22 to six.

In January 1989 she began to feel unwell and feared she had cancer until a doctor told her she was pregnant. Son James was born in September 1989. In January 1990 she underwent another sterilisation operation.

Judge Sumner paid tribute to Mrs Cort, 42 and an "above average teacher", as a woman of "considerable drive and enterprise" who thought her family was complete after her sixth child.

The judge said Mrs Cort was entitled to damages for the disappointment and upset over the failure of the first operation, the shock of discovering the pregnancy, the fear that she had cancer, the nine months she carried her new son and the second sterilisation. He also awarded her damages for the cost of feeding and clothing James and for his future education. As she had to give up work she was also entitled to an award for her lost earnings.

Lambeth Health Authority admitted liability but contested the amount to be awarded.

After the hearing, Mrs Cort said: "I am very happy with the result. James might not have been planned, but I wouldn't give him up for the world."

Jilted man crushed girl friend

A JILTED City commodities dealer killed his former girl friend by "hugging" her to death before killing himself, an inquest was told yesterday.

Tim Brockman, 32, killed Sophia Kneen as their eight-year relationship failed, perhaps beginning to hug her in affection, Hammersmith Coroner's Court was told. Miss Kneen, 30, who had wanted to end the relationship, was found dead with flowers around her head and Mr Brockman was found hanged at the flat they had shared, in Fulham, southwest London.

Dr Louis Al-Alousi, a pathologist, said that the only known cases of such a killing involved victims of the Victorian bodysnatchers Burke and Hare.

Bruises on Miss Kneen suggested traumatic asphyxiation. "In my view, Mr Brockman committed suicide and Miss Kneen's death was an unlawful killing," he said.

Trevor Burke, for Miss Kneen's family, said: "It was very likely she was squeezed initially out of affection."

Dr John Burton, the coroner, said Mr Brockman had told a friend that he planned "murder, then suicide". He recorded a verdict of suicide on Mr Brockman, and an open verdict on Miss Kneen, finding doubt as to intent.

Judge jails freed rapist for 15 years

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A FORMER civil servant who served four years for rape was jailed for 15 years yesterday after a judge was told he had left prison only to embark on a crime tour of Britain, sexually assaulting a woman and robbing building societies.

Graeme Jarman, 29, of Stanley, co. Durham, had served four years of a seven-year term imposed for kidnap and rape before being released on parole and marrying his childhood sweetheart. Within months of the marriage, Judge Lockett at Preston Crown Court was told, he was touring England again in search of victims.

Henry Globe, for the prosecution, said that in 1987 Jarman had abducted a girl aged 17 and raped her at gunpoint in Peterborough. On parole in 1991, he returned to the North East where he married, but then became "restless and withdrawn".

Mr Globe said that Jarman had taken a family car and lost money gambling. He had lost his job and his money and went to Lancashire, on the way collecting what he called his "robbery kit" — a knife, gloves, rope and sticky tape. In St Anne's he saw a single 23-year-old woman leading a sponsored walk of children in a local park and followed her to her home. He tricked his way inside by suggesting he wished to rent an adjoining flat. She was gagged and bound and then indecently assaulted at knife-point. Mr Globe said that Jarman stole credits cards and £10 before leaving.

A hunt was launched but Jarman went on the run, staying in expensive hotels and robbing building societies in Morecambe, Lancashire; Loughborough, Leicestershire; Midhurst, West Sussex; Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk and Weston-super-Mare, Avon. He gave himself up in Hastings on July 27.

David Turner, for the defence, said Jarman, when he came out of prison, had been "almost suffocated by the support of his fiancée and family. He went into what was an arranged marriage and an arranged job."

Jarman pleaded guilty to indecently assault and admitted stealing a total of £8,835 in a series of robberies at building societies around England. He also admitted stealing a Ford Fiesta and driving without insurance. Pleas of not guilty to burglary with intent to rape and to an allegation of a serious sexual offence were accepted by the prosecution.

Pensioner strangled ill woman

A PENSIONER strangled a fellow resident of his old people's home because he wrongly believed she was in agony, a court was told yesterday.

James Smith, 84, killed Emily Emms, 94, with his dressing gown cord because he thought she would be "better off in heaven". However, Mrs Emms was suffering from only a chest infection and mild heart failure.

Staff at the Homeleigh Nursing Home in Southsea, Hampshire, believed Mrs Emms had died from natural causes until Smith confessed he had killed her.

Anthony Donne QC, for the prosecution, said: "When staff told Smith not to go into Mrs Emms's room because she had died he replied, 'I have a confession to make, I killed her. I strangled her with my dressing-gown cord. I put her out of her misery.'"

The prosecution accepted Smith's plea of guilty to manslaughter due to diminished responsibility. Mr Justice Auld made a hospital order detaining Smith under the Mental Health Act in Moorgreen Hospital, Southampton.

Dr David Wilkinson, of Southampton Community Care Service, said that Smith was suffering from brain degeneration.

Wordsmith to the world dies at 93

BY IAN MURRAY

ALFRED Butts, the man who made word-building an international sport, died on Tuesday in his hometown of Rhinebeck, New York, aged 93. He remained puzzled until the end by the success of his invention, Scrabble.

His brainchild, devised in the 1930s, became the world's most successful word game, selling 100 million sets in 90 nations and 24 languages. "He was always so surprised that people played it seriously," Philip Nelkon, 36, four times British Scrabble champion, said yesterday.

The game is a very serious matter for Mr Nelkon, who has just left his career as an accountant to work for J.W. Spear and Sons, which holds the British rights to the game.

The idea for the game came to Mr Butts when, as an unemployed architect during the height of the Depression, he was looking for a way of amusing people.

His solution was a game of lettered tiles to be placed on a squared board to make a crossword. Unsure of what to do next, he called the game "It" and invited a few friends to play.

They liked "It", so he tried to market the idea, but there were no sales. He refined the rules, changed the name to "Lexico" and tried again. Then he called it "Alph" and then "Criss Cross Words". Nobody was interested, except Jim Brunot, a government social worker, whom he introduced to the game in 1939.

Ten years later, Mr Brunot and his wife took the risk of buying the rights to the game to sell under a new name, Scrabble. Sales reached 8,500 sets two years later and the Brunots were on the brink of bankruptcy when Jack Strauss, the chairman of Macy's department store, discovered the game on holiday and decided to market it.

Sales took off. The Brunots sold the rights and made their fortune, but they remembered the real inventor and ensured that he received a few cents in royalties from every sale. He never needed to work again.

Although the game's inventor did not take it seriously, millions do. In 1986, a five-year-old boy in Dartford, Kent, dialled 999 to tell police that his sister was cheating. In 1987, an old age pensioner complained that she was thrown out of a retirement home in Lincoln as "incompatible" because she did not know how to play.

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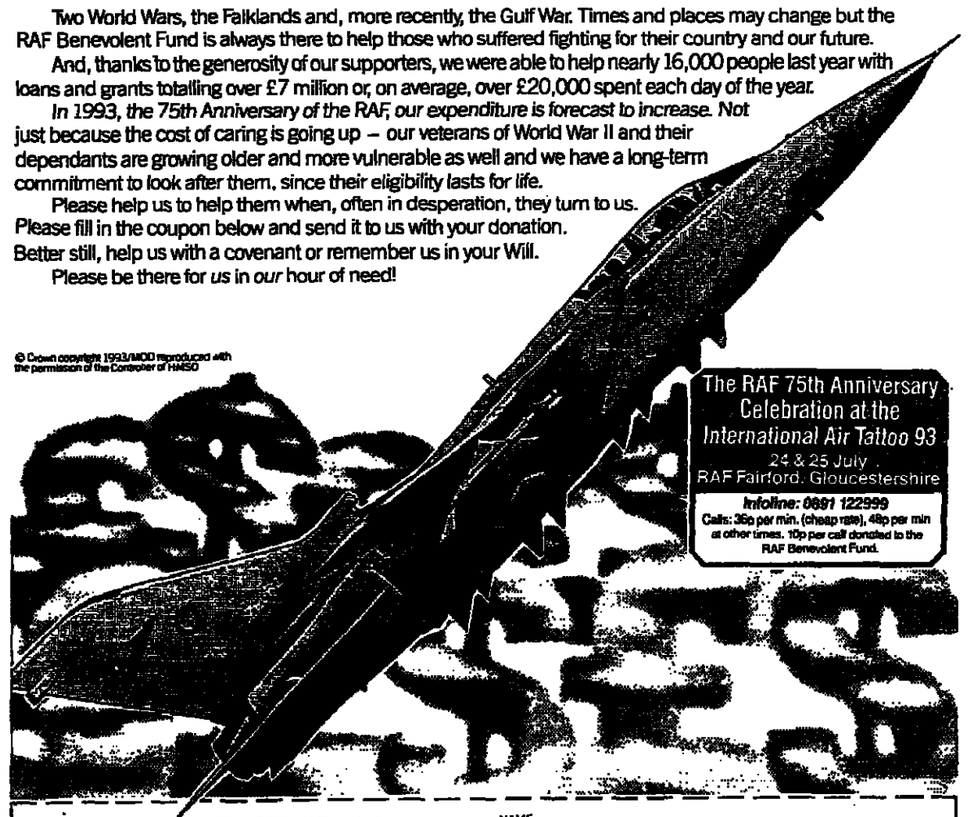
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Privatising the jails

Prisons director summons Group 4 after escapes

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

■ Early hitches have led to embarrassing confrontation between the head of the prison service and pioneer privatised guards

SENIOR managers of a company running the first privatised prison escort service have been called to a meeting with the head of the prison service after a series of incidents in which prisoners escaped or arrived late at courts.

Derek Lewis has requested urgent talks with managers of the Group 4 security firm amid anxiety that difficulties earlier this week have the potential to do serious harm to the policy of putting more private sector involvement in the penal system.

Mr Lewis, director-general of the prison service agency, has acted after launching an enquiry into problems that hit Group 4's first day in charge of escorting prisoners from jails and police stations to courts in six counties. On the first day, one prisoner fled the dock at Hull magistrates' court and ran from the building. Christopher Hatch, 21, who was on remand on theft, public order and criminal damage charges, was recaptured yesterday. On Tuesday, a prisoner being escorted from Lincoln prison to Spalding magistrates' court forced open a hatch in the vehicle he was in and escaped. Police were alerted by Group 4 staff and the prisoner was recaptured in 15 minutes.

At his meeting with Group 4 senior managers and those responsible for operating the contract, Mr Lewis will reiterate what is expected of them under the five-year contract to perform escort duties in North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Humberside, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. He will leave them in no doubt of what he expects of them and of the paramount importance that the 400 employees involved in escort duties do everything possible to ensure the safety of the public and to prevent embarrassing escapes.

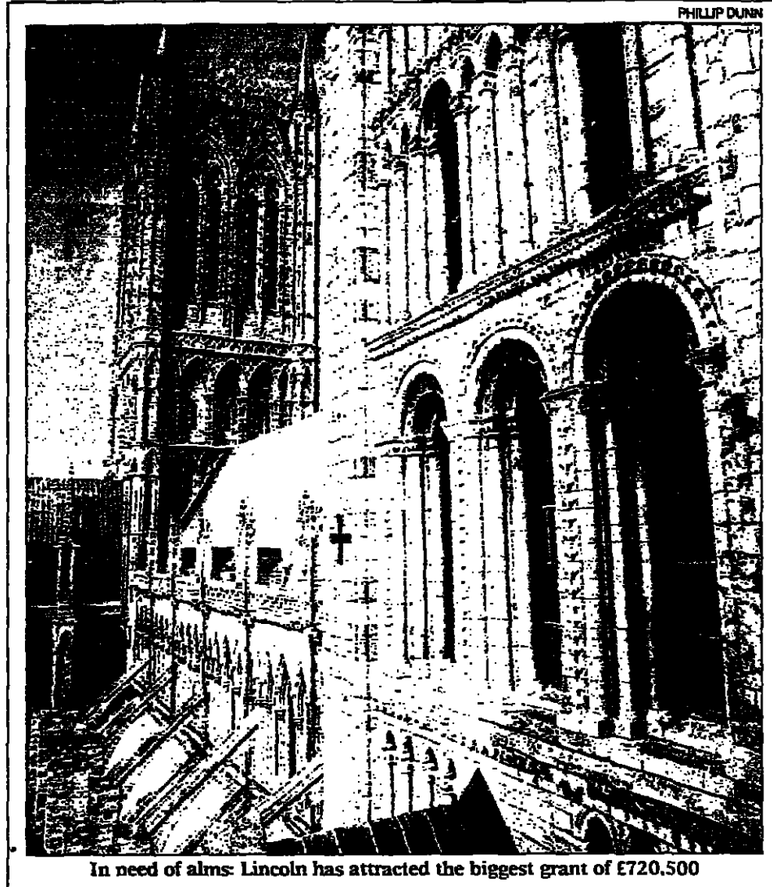
Although the prison service agency is willing to give the company some time to perfect complex escort duties, which will involve 100,000 prisoner movements a year, senior officials recognise that further incidents could cause public alarm about safety. This week's incidents have given opponents of private sector involvement a propaganda weapon, and further incidents could damage the government's case for greater privatisation in the penal system.

Two Home Office officials monitor Group 4's running of the Wolds remand prison on Humberside and the escort service. They send reports to the prison service agency. The reports are not made public, and critics of privatisation in the Labour party and penal affairs groups say that secrecy surrounding contracts means that there is little accountability to Parliament.

Stephen Shaw, of the Prison Reform Trust, said that Parliament had been denied information about staffing levels, the costs of the prison and penalty clauses in the contract. "The Wolds has been very open in allowing people into the prison, but where accountability has fallen down is in anything to do with monitoring the contract itself and the sums of money involved," he said.

John Bates, of Group 4, said that the government was aware of details of the contract and was able to audit accounts at any time. "It has been made clear right from the beginning that, if necessary, the contract can be withdrawn," he said. Mr Bates said that details about profits and other sensitive commercial matters were not made public, as was the practice in other businesses.

PHILLIP DUNN



In need of alms: Lincoln has attracted the biggest grant of £720,500

Cathedrals blessed with £4.6m

BY JOHN YOUNG

GRANTS totalling £4.6 million for urgent repairs to 44 English cathedrals in the next 12 months were announced yesterday by English Heritage. A further £784,000 has been promised in 1994-5 for longer term projects.

The largest grant of £720,500 goes to Lincoln cathedral. Three of six cathedrals receiving grants for the first time are Roman Catholic Clifton, Shrewsbury and Southwark.

When the grants scheme was announced in 1991, it was estimated that £185 million would need to be spent on cathedral conservation over the next decade. So far £11.5 million has been allocated and by 1995 the total will reach £19.5 million.

Five of the 44 grants are for conserving stained glass, five for work on monuments and sculptures and four for restoring wall-paintings. Other repairs include organ cases at Portsmouth and Birmingham, floor tiles at Winchester and a tiled chapel at Lichfield.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Olympic boxers win damages

Three members of the British Olympic boxing team were given a public apology yesterday and undisclosed libel damages over allegations that they were sent home from Barcelona in disgrace.

Amateur boxers Paul Lawson, Steven Wilson and Peter Richardson had sued *The Mail on Sunday* over a report that alleged the trio was sent home after being involved in a fight with members of the Iranian Olympic team. The newspaper apologised "unreservedly" for the injury to the men's reputations and feelings, and agreed to pay damages and legal costs after the brief hearing at the High Court.

Murder charge

David Williams, 32, of no fixed address, appeared at Stafford Crown Court accused of the murder of Gail Whitehouse and eight rapes. He pleaded not guilty and also denied charges of attempted rape, five indecent assaults and one kidnapping.

Abuser jailed

Stephen Darlington, 33, a junior school teacher from Manchester, was jailed for six years by Liverpool Crown Court after admitting nine offences of indecent assault and gross indecency with two boys, 9 and 12, and buggery of the younger boy.

Art record

A world record was set for a painting by the British artist Allan Ramsay (1713-84) when *Portrait of Sir Edward and Lady Turner* sold for £551,000, almost twice its expected price, at Christie's.

Husband held

Gerald Maloney, 42, of Chapel Row, Berkshire, accused of murdering his wife by running her over, was remanded in custody by Newbury magistrates.

Tory image executive 'thrived on hard work'

BY JAMIE DETTMER AND ANDREW PIERCE

CONSERVATIVE party colleagues of Russ Pipe, the public relations expert found dead in a fume-filled car on Tuesday night, yesterday dismissed suggestions that his death may have been the result of overwork or pressure.

A suicide note left by Mr Pipe, 49, a member of John Major's election team, said a "purely family-related issue" had led him to take his life.

A police spokesman said yesterday that it was unlikely that a formal investigation would be launched into the death of the deputy director of communications at Conservative Central Office. "There do not appear to be any suspicious circumstances," he said.

Mr Pipe was found by his wife Yvonne in his car at their home in Cobham, Surrey. He had been suffering from a stomach ulcer and had taken several days off work, but neighbours said that he seemed fine when they saw him on Sunday.

Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative party chairman, said: "I was deeply sorry to hear this news. I very much enjoyed working with him. He made a great contribution, not least to our election victory last year."

According to staff at Conservative Central Office, far from buckling under the pressure of work, Mr Pipe thrived on it. He spoke to the office several times on Monday and one employee who spoke to him said: "There was not a hint that there was anything wrong. He sounded fine."

A neighbour said he knew that the Pipes were talking about taking one of their two daughters, Pippa, 14, and Nellie, 12, out of a local private school. Pippa was on a skiing holiday in Europe and police were trying to trace her.

Yesterday, Mrs Pipe, a nursery school teacher, asked that the family be allowed to mourn without intrusion.

Trust wins action over Uppark fire

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE National Trust won a High Court action yesterday against a firm of contractors held responsible for a fire that largely destroyed Uppark House, a 17th century mansion overlooking the Downs in West Sussex. The bill for its restoration is likely to be almost £20 million.

The house was built in 1690 by William Telman. From 1746, it was owned by the Fetherstonhaugh family, and was visited by, among others, the Duke of Wellington and Nelson. The trust inherited the house in 1954. Until the disastrous blaze in August 1989, it was one of the trust's most resplendent attractions.

The fire is thought to have been caused by an oxy-acetylene torch used by workmen releading the roof. The court was told that the two men left their posts at the same time for an afternoon tea-break, in breach of a condition that one should stay for at least 15 minutes to allow the lead to cool down. The trust has spent £6 million on restoration so far.

The workmen's employer, Haden Young Ltd, of Southgate, north London, part of the BICC group, admitted negligence but denied liability for the restoration costs. It claimed that, under the terms of the contracts between itself, the trust and the main contractors, Midhurst and Fernhurst Builders Ltd, the trust was to bear the risk of loss or damage by fire.

But Mr Justice Otton said the contractual arrangements did not excuse Haden Young from the consequences of its negligence. He adjourned the assessment of damages to a future hearing but ordered the builders to pay the costs of the action.

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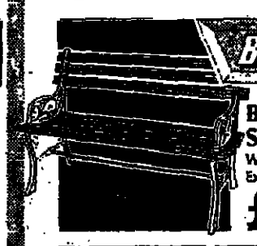
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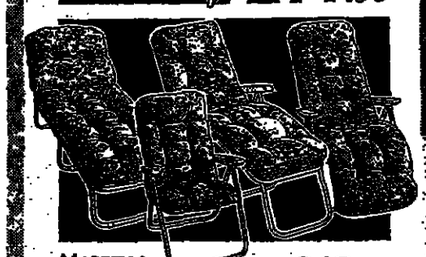
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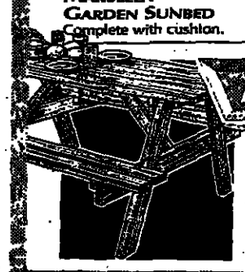


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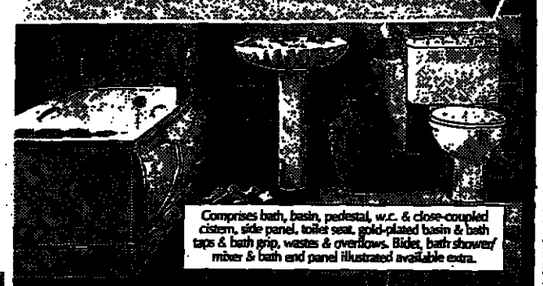
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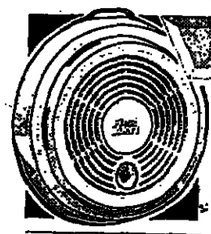
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Public disquiet and judges' protests force ministers to amend guidelines on fines and custody

Clarke tells Home Office to redraft new justice act

BY FRANCES GIBB AND RICHARD FORD

MINISTERS are investigating whether sections of the Criminal Justice Act relating to sentencing powers and fining people according to their income can be altered without parliamentary legislation.

Public anxiety about cases in which defendants of moderate means have been fined excessive sums has fuelled demands from Conservative backbenchers for the act to be reformed less than six months after coming into operation.

The latest case, in which an unemployed lifeguard from South Wales was fined £1,200 for dropping litter, has highlighted the need to amend the means-related fines system under which people are penalised according to their disposable income.

An enquiry into the operation of the act has been ordered by Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, in the wake of resignations by magistrates and an unprecedented attack from the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, two weeks ago.

The swift action by the home secretary is a clear sign that he recognises the potential political damage that continuing controversy over its operation can cause to him and to the Conservative government.

Mr Clarke has asked officials to come up with proposals as a matter of urgency for ways to change the two most troubled sections of the act: the means-related fines scheme and section 29, which restricts courts' ability to take into account offenders' previous convictions.

A Home Office spokesman said: "He [Mr Clarke] wants officials to come up with proposals with a view to drafting amendments." Proposals for reforming the act would probably be tabled within two months.

Lord Taylor said last month that the act was "forcing judges into an ill-fitting straitjacket". It was founded on a "misconceived notion" that fettered judges' discretion. Sentences should take account of public opinion and aim to leave all concerned feeling that justice had been done. If not, Lord Taylor said, aggrieved parties might take the law into their own hands.

There is widespread disquiet among Conservative backbenchers at the hostile reaction to a piece of legislation which, under the previous home secretary, had been hailed as a centrepiece of government criminal justice policy.

In six months, the act has become an acute embarrassment; its emphasis on non-custodial penalties, with custody kept only for the most serious crimes, clashes with public demands for tougher action on crime.

Lord Taylor said that courts must be given the teeth to cope with excesses in crime and not be emasculated by a sentencing regime more suited to "gentler times".

The 29,000 member Magistrates' Association recently sent a delegation to Lord Taylor to outline its own concerns, which have resulted in some two dozen resignations across the country. The association will meet Mr Clarke soon. Magistrates from the South West have also had talks with Michael Jack, a junior Home Office minister.

The chief concern of JPs is that the means-related fines scheme, as implemented, is resulting in excessive fines on those of moderate means (up to £3,000 for road traffic offences) and in paltry and derisory fines for the poor.



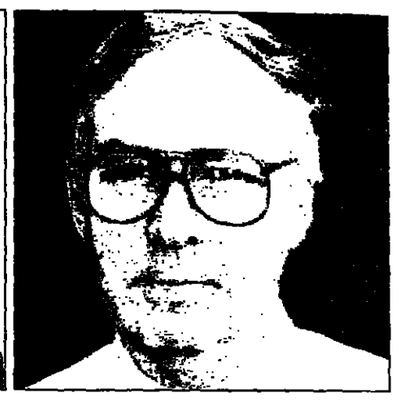
Barry Dowding: 56, served 15 years at Stourbridge, West Midlands. Resigned over unit fines, not being able to assess previous convictions and act's view of probation



Martin Hobson: 53, resigned in January after 11 years on Kidderminster bench over difficulty in combining bench commitments and shift work; new act was final straw



Ray Pittaway: 57, resigned from the Kidderminster bench in November, because he believed that the act did not make sense and that the unit fine system was unjust



Bernard Widdowson: 57, served for 23 years on Carlisle bench. Resigned last September before the act came into force because of the way it would treat victims of crime



Stanley Rubin: 64, on bench for 32 years at Merseyside and Bury. Resigned in February over fines system, inability to consider past record and the curbs on custodial sentencing



Bernard Howcroft: 61, served for 12 years at Bury before resigning last September the day before the act came into force because it seemed biased in favour of criminals



Ann Pear: 55, on the Sheffield bench for 17 years. Resigned in November largely over the limitations on sentencing young offenders, which failed to protect the public



Barry Collins: 67, 16 years a magistrate in Epsom, resigned last month over loss of local justice, the effect of unit fines and not being able to consider previous convictions

New QCs named

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A LAWYER whose parents arrived in England without a penny and settled in the East End of London is one of 70 Queen's Counsel announced today.

Kuldip Singh is the only barrister from the ethnic minority community in the annual list of QCs published by the Lord Chancellor's department.

He said: "This shows that with hard work, being in the right place at the right time and a bit of luck, people from an ethnic minority background can make it in England."

Mr Singh, 38, who specialises in commercial litigation and media law, was educated at Stepney Green comprehensive and attended the Council for Legal Education.

This year there were 471 applications to take silk. The 70 appointments comprise six women (16.2 per cent of female applications) and 64 men (14.7 per cent of male applications). Last year, one member of the ethnic minority community was appointed from 14 applicants.

Lord Goodman and Dr Peter North, who headed a review of road traffic laws, are among seven people made honorary QCs.

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TIMES/DILLONS DEBATE

Marriage: is it dead?

DR JULIAN HAFNER, the psychiatrist and author of the controversial new book *The End of Marriage: Why Monogamy Isn't Working*, will lead a debate against marriage, supported by Laurie Taylor, professor of sociology at York University.

Rabbi Julia Neuberger and Bel Mooney, the novelist and broadcaster, will challenge Dr Hafner's view of marriage as a damaging and outmoded institution which does more harm than good.

The debate takes place on April 21 at 7.30pm at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1.

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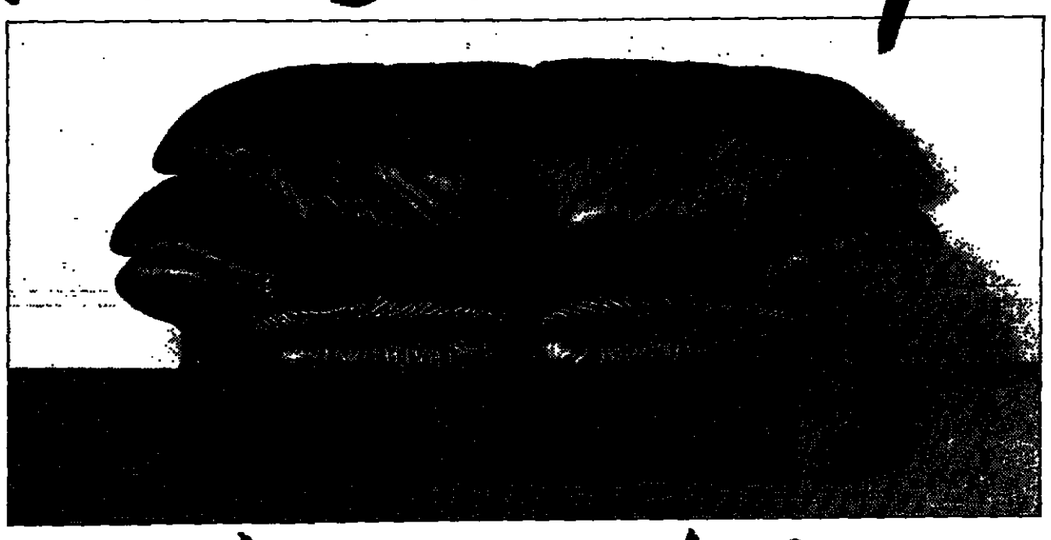
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Pangbourne sets up enquiry after suicide by bullied student

BY JAMES LANDALE

PANGBOURNE College is to hold an independent enquiry into allegations of bullying at the private school after the suicide of a 16-year-old pupil, Berkshire County Council announced yesterday.

Dr Roger Morgan, deputy director of neighbouring Oxfordshire social services, will begin his enquiry on April 19 at the request of Anthony Hudson, headmaster of the £10,000-a-year school, and Berkshire council. He will interview staff and pupils and consider "relevant school policies and practices".

Mark Maclagan, of Camberley, Surrey, hanged himself the day before he was due to return to Pangbourne for the spring term. An inquest was told how Mark had been bullied at the college and it prompted his parents to call for an independent enquiry. The coroner recorded a verdict of suicide, but was unable to find any reason why Mark took his own life.

Major Bob Maclagan, 55, who retired from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in November last year, and Pat Maclagan, 47, were asked by Mr Hudson whether they wanted an enquiry into the death of their son or just into the level of alleged bullying in the school. Mrs Maclagan said: "We are very pleased at this news and feel that having a fully independent enquiry is the only way to find out what is going on at Pangbourne. We think it can only be good for the school."

David Kiggell, Pangbourne's bursar, welcomed the enquiry and emphasised that it would investigate current allegations of bullying at the school. "It is not an investigation into 'was Mark Maclagan bullied to death?'." He denied there was more bullying at Pangbourne than at any other similar school, but said that it was "human nature for there to be a pecking order in any institution like this.

"We are very aware that there can be a bullying problem in any school and that is why the headmaster is working very hard to ensure that there is none."

Another parent, Patti Sherratt, claimed in a letter to *The Daily Telegraph* last February that bullying at Pangbourne was "endemic within the school generally, in every house and at every level". Her son Ben, 17, who has since left the school, told her that Mark was tormented by pupils because he did not shine at sport.

Berkshire social services, after carrying out a routine inspection under the Children Act last summer, reported that "a very clear message had been received from the headmaster that bullying would not be tolerated".

Inspectors found that "that although the older boys carried a good deal of responsibility ... clearly they did not abuse their powers".

Melanie Penders, assistant director of Kidscape, a charity that holds workshops for pupils, parents and teachers on how to prevent bullying, welcomed the enquiry. "We are very happy it is going ahead, both to calm people's fears and to get to the bottom of the ethos of the school."

She said parents of other pupils at the school had contacted the charity for help and information. "Every complaint should be taken seriously," she said. "We cannot afford to dismiss anything."

The school, which was originally founded for the sons of naval officers and run with the strict discipline of ship life, has given its 450 pupils the opportunity to fill in an anonymous questionnaire on bullying. A seminar for teachers will also be held "to heighten their awareness of the problem".

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JUSTIN SLEE



Amber gambler: a thrush building its nest on traffic lights at a roundabout in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, can expect constant interruptions from the ever-changing lights and inquisitive motorists as it tries to rear a brood

EASTER WEEKEND WATCH

Make turkey the seasonal treat

BY IAN MURRAY

TURKEY has become a meal for all holiday seasons and is currently available at a price to fit all pockets.

At the top of the range, specialist poulterers sell free-range, hand-plucked birds for between £2 and £2.25 a lb. They should have been hung for a week before going into the shop to make sure their white meat is rich and tasty. Standard fresh birds are selling for 79p a lb, while some supermarkets are offering frozen specials for as little as 43p a lb.

For those with smaller families, fresh chickens up to 7lb in weight cost about £1 a lb. For a springtime flavour, stuff with fennel, celeriac and shallots and glaze after roasting with sugar and lemon juice plus a garnish of fennel leaves.

Alternatively, pork remains excellent value at the moment, with Waitrose offering boneless leg joints at £1.79 a lb, a 50p saving. For those within reach of Harrods food halls, spring lamb seasoned with provençal herbs is on special offer at £3.60 a lb, down 30p for the Easter weekend.

For an egg with a difference this Easter, Harrods have slashed the price of Beluga caviar. A 50 gram jar, normally selling for £75, costs £60 until Monday. The 250g jar is down from £350 to £290.

Gales off the southwest coast mean that fish is in short supply and more expensive than usual for the time of year, although halibut (£6.50 a lb) and Dover sole (£5.50 a lb) are in good condition and make a holiday treat. Small hake (£1.80 a lb), delicious baked whole with a strong sauce, are the best seafood buy.

Golden Delicious apples, at 30p a lb, are recommended as the best fruit. Diced with chunks of cooked chicken, chopped walnuts, shredded red cabbage and lettuce, coated in a dressing of honey, orange and lemon juice and oil, they contribute to an unusual salad.

Lettuce is the best salad buy and icebergs can be used in a soufflé: chop, lightly cook and then fold into your favourite soufflé mixture just before putting it into the oven.

Best supermarket offers:

Asda: Size 3 eggs, 18 for £1.69; frying steak, £2.89 a lb; 6 boneless chicken breasts, £6.59 a pack; yellow melons, £1.49 each.

Sainsbury: fresh whole salmon, £1.98 a lb; 340g frozen breaded scampi, £1.99; gammon joints, £1.49 a lb; broccoli, 75p a lb; 500g cheese selection pack, £3.25.

Gateway: 10oz pack fresh chicken cordon bleu, £1.75; spare rib pork chops, £1.19 a lb; black grapes, 79p a lb; 227g fresh strawberries, 89p.

Tesco: beef topside, £2.24 a lb; cod fillet, £1.99 a lb; courgettes, 99p a lb; seedless grapes, £1.09 a lb.

Waitrose: whole legs of New Zealand lamb, £1.99 a lb; frozen lobster, £4.95 to £5.95 a lb; smoked salmon, £14.50 a lb; pineapple, 75p each.

Safeway: special reserve cheddar, £2.69 a lb; boneless roasting pork, £1.24 a lb; Granny Smiths apples, 29p a lb; carrots, 25p a lb.

Long weekenders head for the road

BY PETER VICTOR

BRITAIN'S roads will be busier this weekend than at any other time of the year, AA Roadwatch predicts.

The AA expects the main trouble spots will be:

☐ The A23 in Sussex between Pease Pottage and Bolney. Southbound traffic on the M23 is likely to be affected.

☐ The M1 between junctions 33 (Catcliffe) and 32 (Thurcroft) tomorrow and on Saturday with spectators heading for practice sessions of the European Grand Prix at Donington Park near Derby. Up to 60,000 supporters are expected on Sunday.

☐ The M4 at junction 20, the Almondsbury interchange, where it meets the M5. Delays are expected on the M4 Severn Bridge westbound, and between junctions 24 (Christchurch) and 26 (Malpas), and westbound near junction 42.

☐ The M5 at junctions 6 and 7 near Worcester.

☐ The M20 between junctions 5 and 8 near Maidstone.

☐ The M25 between junction 15 (M4) and junction 16 (M40).

More detailed information is on the AA Roadwatch 24-hour phone line: 0336 401 737.

The number of Easter holidaymakers is expected to exceed 230,000 — 2 per cent up on last year — according to Richard Bowden Doyle, marketing director at Lunn Poly.

Easter breaks:

Lunn Poly (0926 452245) is offering late breaks to the following destinations: Malta for 14 nights, self-catering, leaving today from Gatwick airport — £209; Tunisia for 14 nights, self-catering, leaving tomorrow from Manchester airport — £199.

Sally Ferries (0843 595566) has some space on its Ramsgate to Dunkirk service. A car and up to four adults can travel from £92.

Sally Holidays (0732 780499) is offering one-night breaks in Belgium or France for £85 a person. The price includes bed and breakfast. Extra nights are available at £28.

Travel 4 is offering a range of flights to American destinations including Los Angeles, £285 return; Orlando, £264; and New York, £242.

Crystal Premier Cities (081 390 9900) offers three-night Easter packages from £223 each to Paris, Amsterdam, Rome and Barcelona, flying from Heathrow tomorrow.

Meon France and Italy (0730 261 926) is offering a week in a villa sleeping ten in the Dordogne for £569 a property. The package includes return ferry crossings for a car and five adults.

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Tower Bridge closes for summer repairs

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TOWER Bridge, one of the main Thames crossings to the City, will be closed to traffic for three months from the middle of June at the height of the tourist season.

Although businessses on the south of the river, who depend heavily on the bridge for their trade, expressed relief yesterday that months of uncertainty had been resolved, they criticised the Corporation of London for failing to tell them of the development.

Joel Kissin, who manages Sir Terence Conran's three restaurants at Butler's Wharf, said: "The whole saga has been a disgrace. The least they could have done was to tell us the date rather than leaving that task to *The Times*. I have been trying to get a date from them for weeks."

Mr Kissin said that to ensure City customers would not suffer, his company would be running a launch during the closure to ferry them across the river. The Riverbus has also agreed to stop at the wharf.

The decision to close the 99-year-old bridge was taken after a chance discovery during the £5 million refurbishment of a system of girders that showed signs of extensive corrosion.

Sir Francis McWilliams, the Lord Mayor of London, has conceded that the closure will cause widespread disruption and inconvenience for the 40,000 motorists who use it daily. "Tower Bridge is a masterpiece of engineering but after 99 years of relentless hammering it is not surprising to find it suffering slightly," he said.

"The bridge was so well built that even the most extensive corrosion presents no immediate danger. But because of its importance to the road network, and to London's heritage, it is vital that we deal with this damage so that worse problems do not develop."

During the repairs, which will cost about £250,000, the corporation's three other bridges, London, Southwark and Blackfriars, will be kept free of lengthy repairs.

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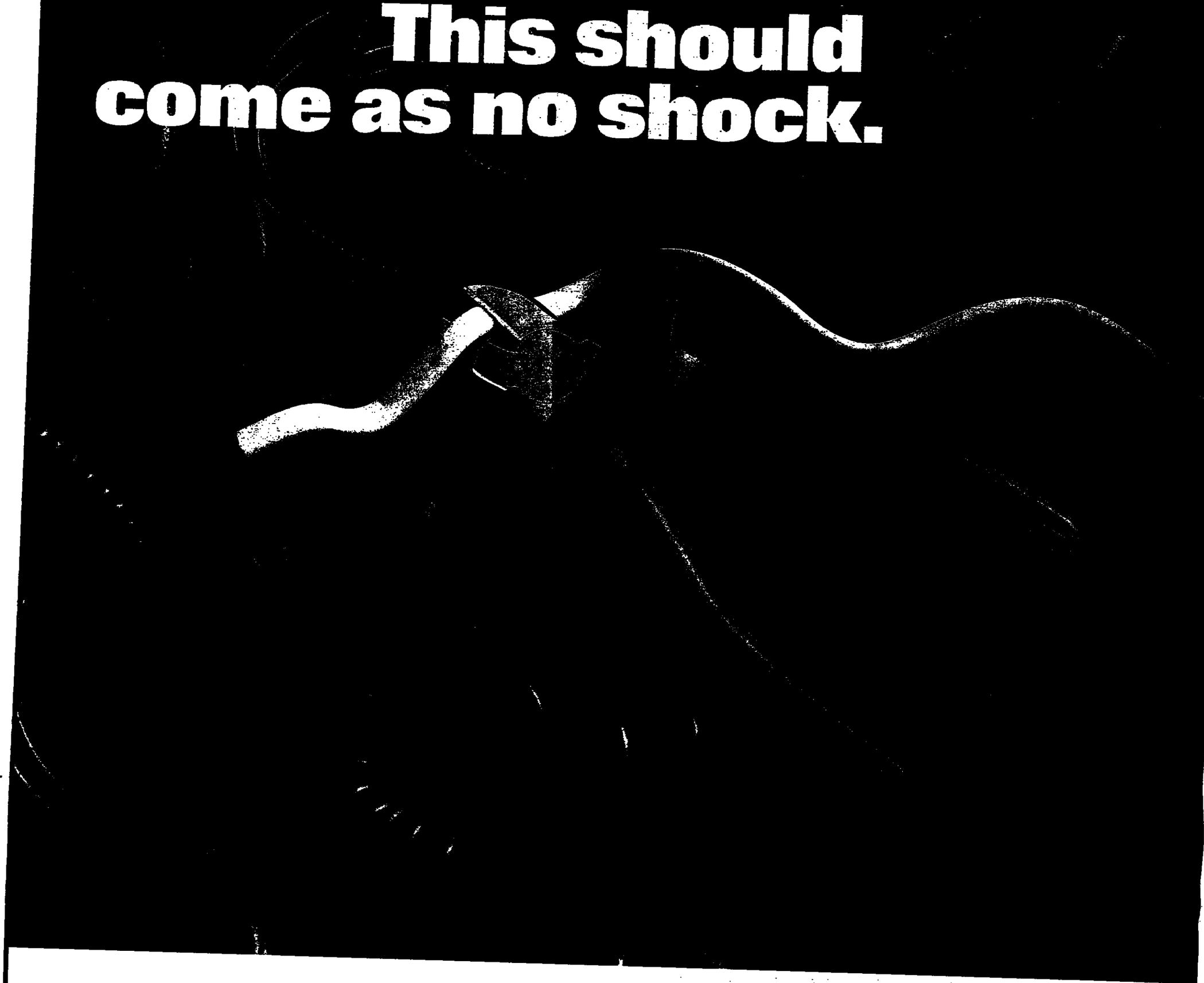
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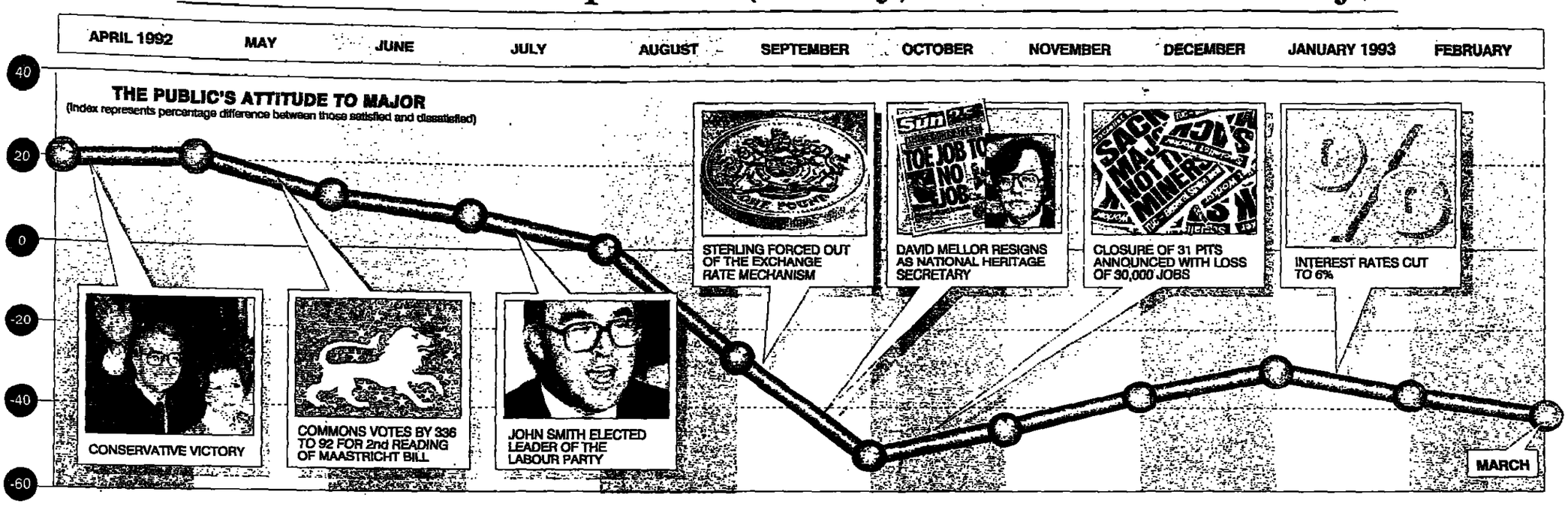
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One year on: the ups and (mostly) downs of John Major



The worst may be over, but pitfalls aplenty lie ahead

PETER RIDDELL

THE Conservatives have a knack of running into trouble shortly after winning general elections.

Within six months of coming to power in May 1979, interest rates had to be raised to a record 17 per cent. After the 1983 election, the government announced a squeeze on public spending and ran into arguments over the abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties.

Within four months of the 1987 election, stock market prices tumbled and the government was embroiled in arguments about the poll tax.

So the difficulties the Tories have faced since April 9, 1992, have not been without precedent. Nonetheless, the past year has been worse for the Tories than after their previous election victories. The latest MORI poll for *The Times* a week ago put the Tories 15 points behind Labour (32 per cent to 47 per cent) and gave John Major a personal rating of minus 41 points. The previous worst position a year after an election was in May 1980, when the Tories were five points behind Labour. In June 1984, the parties were level-pegging and in June 1988, the Tories were 10 points ahead. Margaret Thatcher, while often personally unpopular with voters, was never as far behind as Mr Major a year after an election. Her worst position was in June 1984, when her personal rating was minus 15 points.

There are obvious reasons for the relatively worse performance this time: the debacle of the withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism last September; the consequent uncertainty over economic policy; the climbdown over pit closures, and the running disputes in the Commons over the Maastricht bill. These events have contributed to unusually strong criticism, not just of Mr Major, but also of Norman Lamont, particularly in Tory newspapers.

Morale remains fragile. Nevertheless, the main message this week from Tory leaders is that the corner has at last been turned: the recession is over and recovery has started, while the end of the lengthy Commons debates on Maastricht is in sight. That optimism may be premature, since a number of jagged rocks still have to be navigated on the Maastricht bill and the economy is hardly healthy yet, with unemployment likely to increase for some time. The local elections on May 6 are not expected to be good news for the Tories.

Ministers can fairly claim, however, that changes in social policy with a far more lasting impact than the disputes over Maastricht are now being implemented. Independent hospital trusts are now the norm and an increasing number of general practitioners have become independent fund holders. Many more schools are becoming self-governing. The revolution in public services is continuing and is increasingly being accepted by public sector managers. The council tax has been introduced with far less controversy than the poll tax.

The government faces the constraint until the next election of the need to reduce a high level of public sector borrowing, the result both of the recession and the pre-election spending spree. Ministers now regret not taking tougher action last autumn, but the political will was lacking after the shock of the ERM and pits crises. The cabinet is now steeling itself for a tough spending round this year, as well as the possibility of higher taxes.

Even if the worst is over, the ride looks like being bumpy for some time. But most ministers, and not a few opposition MPs, believe that the Tories will win again in 1996 or 1997, thanks to a mixture of economic recovery, the bonus of the boundary changes and Labour's declining social base.

Mr Major and his ministers will, however, have to show a much surer touch over the next three or four years than they have over the past 12 months.

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Labour's birthday broadside

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR may have lost the general election a year ago, but it was ahead on points yesterday.

The Tories appeared to be operating a blackout on ministerial interviews, confining themselves to a four-page summary of the government's achievements. But the Opposition wheeled out half the shadow cabinet and 20 pages of "broken promises" to remind the voters that they took a wrong turning last spring.

Margaret Beckett, the deputy leader, led the case for the prosecution with a dozen examples of how the Conservatives' election pledges had turned to dust. They ranged from the broken dream of lower taxes to the debris of the seemingly endless crime wave.

Mrs Beckett showed little mercy to the guilty men, most of whom went by the name of Norman Lamont or John Major.

Marjorie Mowlam weighed in to declare that the citizen's charter, far from being the "stamp of Majorism", was Thatcherism revisited.

Few happy partners join the victors' anniversary waltz

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservative hierarchy greeted the first anniversary of John Major's election victory with a whimper rather than a bang. In sharp contrast to the euphoria at last April's celebrations, the tenor was distinctly downbeat, with the trumpets sounding an uncertain note.

Instead of a batch of speeches from cabinet ministers, it was left to David Amess to wield the baton. Mr Amess has become the party's mascot since the early declaration on polling day that he had held his Basildon seat signalled the Tories' fourth successive election triumph.

"I was the first to celebrate John Major's return to Downing Street and the re-election of a Conservative government," Mr Amess declared on Channel 4's *Comment* programme.

Under the questionable headline *We Will Not Let The British People Down*, Conservative headquarters issued the text of his comments about the past year, not just for Britain, but for many other countries.

"Ask any French shopkeeper, German industrialist or Japanese financier and they'll tell you just how difficult things have been."

Mr Amess insisted that, in looking back over the past year, the British should count the triumphs as well as the traumas.

From the ranks of government, Tony Newton, the Commons leader, was the only cabinet minister rolled out to issue a short statement to accompany a four-page Tory HQ document entitled *A Year's Work*. It is splattered with rosettes proclaiming JM is PM.

"No one pretends that the last year has been easy," he had the grace to concede. "But", he continued, "this document shows that, despite the difficulties, a great deal has been achieved."

The document is notable for what it does not say. No mention is made of the turmoils over the government's economic and European policies; of Black Wednesday; of job losses or bankrupt businesses.

Mr Newton sought solace by implying that, if the government had not got it right, nobody else would have done either. "No one expected recovery to be so long delayed. But the government's determination to secure a framework for long-term prosperity is beginning to pay off," he says.

The document's prologue states that the year since April 9, 1992, has been one of international turmoil and persistent global economic difficulties, but nonetheless marked by solid achievements across the range of the government's objectives. It goes on to record "a selection" of key achievements.



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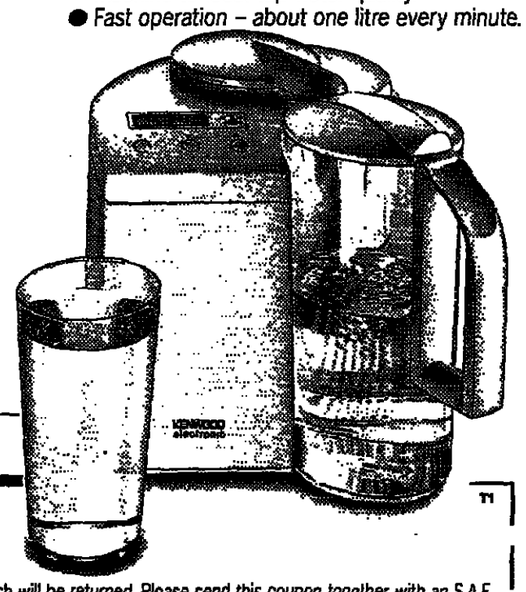
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Military intervention

UK offers fighters to Nato for policing no-fly zone

BY SHEILA GUNN AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BRITAIN offered up to 12 fighter aircraft to Nato yesterday to enforce the United Nations no-fly zone over Bosnia. Six Tornado F3 fighters will be made available immediately, backed by mid-air refuelling tankers, with the option of a further six if needed.

The offer follows last week's UN Security Council resolution supporting military intervention. However, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, played down the prospect of immediate deployment of the aircraft, insisting that it was up to Nato to decide how many aircraft should be involved.

"At present it seems likely that the initial deployment will not include British Tornados," he said. "The UK offer reinforces our commitment to the United Nations effort in support of the people of Bosnia. We have been a major contributor from the start of the UN operation in Bosnia."

In Bosnia, the UN commander, General Philippe Morillon, was leading a convoy of armoured cars to the Bosnian town of Srebrenica last night in an attempt to place it under UN protection, in a last-ditch attempt to save the Muslim enclave.

The Clinton administration, increasingly frustrated by European opposition to more forceful measures, is seeking to stiffen still further a resolution tightening sanctions against Serbia that the security council is expected to approve next week.

It is pushing for the creation of a maritime exclusion zone along the Yugoslav federation's Adriatic coast, so that Nato warships can end all violations of last spring's economic embargo by civilian cargo vessels. It also wants a freeze on all overseas property belonging to the federation of Serbia and Montenegro.

In its present form, the resolution would freeze Yugoslavia's financial assets overseas, crack down on embargo violations via the Danube river, ban the trans-shipment of goods across Yugoslav territory and close many border crossing points.

On Tuesday, Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, scoffed at the prospect of tougher sanctions, telling a *Washington Post* interviewer: "You know very well that in history there are no sanctions that can hold."

Privately, some administration officials concur with Mr Milosevic's assessment, although the sanctions are undoubtedly hurting Serbia. But any more forceful measures proposed by Washington, in particular arming Bosnia's Muslims, have been rejected by Britain and France.

French Mirage 2000 fighters and reconnaissance planes arrived at two bases in northern Italy yesterday and the United States is expected to contribute 20 F14 Tomcats to the operation. The Dutch defence ministry also announced the dispatch of the first four F16 fighters to Italy to prepare for the operation, which could begin as early as next week. In addition, it has offered Nato 18 F16s.

The British government's announcement came within hours of Mr Rifkind rejecting demands from senior Conservative and Liberal Democrat MPs, since the siege of Srebrenica, for military intervention in Bosnia.

Labour's George Foulkes criticised Mr Rifkind's indication that he was offering fighters for the mission but did not expect them to be deployed. "I am surprised that, if offered, they were not to be included. We have got probably one of the best strike records of anyone anywhere, as exemplified by our record in the Gulf.

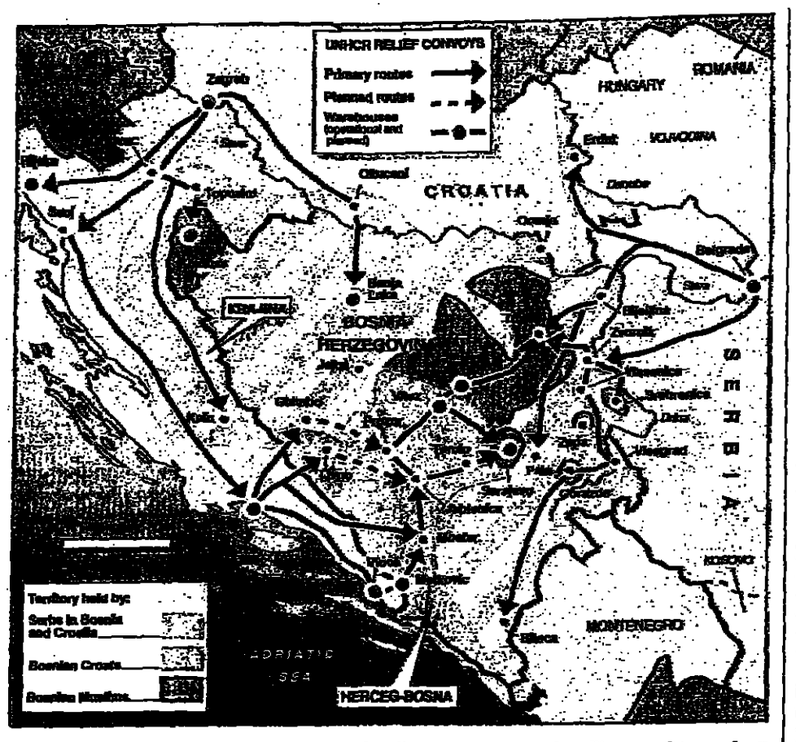
"It sounds to me a bit like a snub if British aircraft have been offered and are not included. It is a substantial offer and not one that should be taken lightly."

☐ **The Hague:** The International Court of Justice said yesterday that it would announce its decision on Bosnia's war crimes case against Serbia and its ally, Montenegro, today.

In hearings last week Bosnia accused the rump Yugoslavia — Serbia and Montenegro — of genocide and other war crimes. It also asked the court to declare that it has a right to seek military assistance from other states.

Serbia said it had no part in the year-old war in Bosnia and rejected the charges against it as groundless. *(Reuter)*

UN convoy, page 1



US boats join watch on Danube

FROM REUTER IN CONSTANTA

SIX patrol boats, which the United States is donating to Romania and Bulgaria to enforce a United Nations embargo against Yugoslavia on the Danube, arrived in the Black Sea port of Constanta yesterday.

"Romania needed these boats to better monitor the Danube and observe the embargo," Jorj Unciuleanu, commander of Constanta, said as the American ship, *Stella Lykes*, carrying the boats, dropped anchor in the harbour. American embassy sources said that the boats were similar to those used by the US Coast Guard, but unarmed. The Americans would also give technical assistance and help to train Romanian crews, they said.

Mr Uncileanu said the boats will sail to the Romanian Danube port of Giurgiu, 40 miles south of Bucharest.

☐ **Brussels:** Hungary and Slovakia agreed yesterday to take a Danube dam dispute to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, but have still to reach an interim accord on how to share out the water. *(Reuter)*

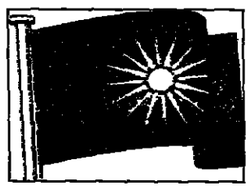
Macedonia finds an identity in UN

BY JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND TOM RHODES

AFTER a delicate compromise in Macedonia's bitter dispute with Greece, the United Nations Security Council recommended yesterday that the former Yugoslav republic be admitted to the world body under a temporary name.

If the general assembly accepts the recommendation in a vote that could take place today, the country will become the UN's 181st member and the question over the provenance of Philip of Macedon and Alexander the Great may find temporary settlement.

The dispute has been raging since Skopje, seceding from Yugoslavia, declared Macedonia an independent state more than a year ago. Athens has consistently argued that allowing a neighbouring state to



call itself Macedonia would imply territorial claims on the Greek province of the same name. So the country will provisionally be known as "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and its flag will not be raised outside the UN headquarters.

Under a compromise drawn up by Britain and other European Community members, the new country's final name and its ability to use disputed symbols on its flag and currency will be resolved in talks between the governments in Athens and Skopje. Michalis Papaconstantinou, the Greek foreign minister, said the talks would start next week in New York under the chairmanship of Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, the Bosnian peace negotiators, and would come to a conclusion within the next two months.

The Greeks have been disappointed with their EC partners, who have argued that the question of whether Philip and Alexander were Greeks or barbarians should hardly have a bearing on a small, weak country in desperate need of assistance. Greece has complained that the Macedonian flag contained the 16-pointed Star of Vergina (pictured), the emblem of Alexander the Great, which Greece considers to be a Greek symbol found in fourth century BC tombs.

Athens insists that the people of the former Yugoslav republic are not the descendants of the ancient Macedonians, who were Greeks, but trace their ancestry to the Slav tribes that migrated to the southern Balkans in the seventh century AD.

Matters have not been helped in past months by the deluge of propaganda, said to be unauthorised, which has poured out of Skopje, including maps showing Greater Macedonia with the present borders of Greece and Bulgaria marked in barbed wire. The Greek part of the maps has been labelled as "under the terror of occupation" — a reference to allegations of Greek atrocities.

Mr Vance is expected to try to put his stamp on the talks before stepping down at the end of the month in favour of Thorvald Stoltenberg, the Norwegian foreign minister. Whether the compromise will end the dispute is debatable.

The aggressive argument over Macedonia became so fractious in Greece that it has threatened the survival of the government. The Macedonian administration has also come under severe pressure from extreme nationalists who have opposed any compromise over the country's name.

Run on Serbian bank triggers gunfights

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

A MAN shouted "don't shoot", as the battle began, but one died and four were seriously injured. In another clash, a man wielding a hand grenade succeeded in withdrawing his savings before he was arrested. Not the latest scenes from the Bosnian front lines, but this week's reports from branches of Dafiment, Serbia's largest private bank.

The casualty toll has been high in the past few weeks, as desperate Serbs rush to withdraw their money from the tottering bank. In an effort to remove crowds besieging the bank's branches in central Belgrade, Dafiment had to transfer some of its business to a football stadium.

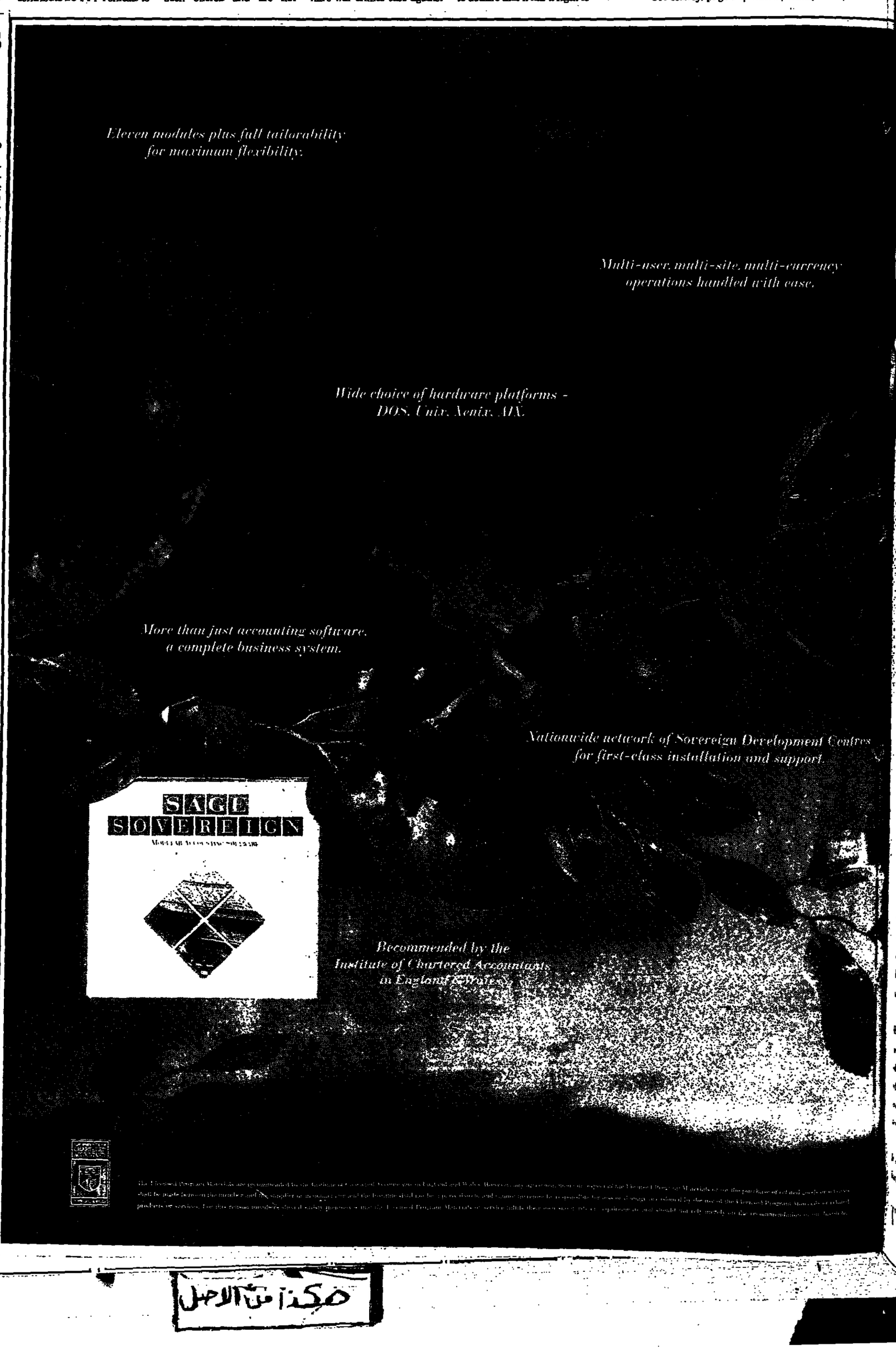
Thousands queued all night. As the tellers closed their counters, hundreds of angry people, mainly elderly, screamed abuse. The crushed and injured were evacuated by ambulance.

Wealthier clients managed to beat the queues by hiring professional queue-jumpers who charge DM100 (£41) to shove to the front of the line. Security guards, too, have been taking their cut. Slavica Vujisic, a bank spokeswoman, said the gunfight at Dafiment headquarters was between former security guards, sacked for taking bribes, and their replacements.

For more than a year, hundreds of thousands of people have lived off the high interest paid out by two private banks, Jugoskandic and Dafiment. Last month Jugoskandic collapsed and last week Dafiment restricted cash withdrawals. The bank is now believed to be on the verge of collapse, too.

International sanctions and the civil war have almost destroyed the economy of the rump Yugoslavia. The private banks had been offering interest rates of up to 15 per cent on hard currency deposits.

For the middle class the interest made the difference between comfort and poverty. For pensioners, it has kept them from joining the growing army who search dustbins for scraps to eat. A Dafiment pensioner said: "I get a pension of £4 a month but the interest on my savings is £140. Without this I'd have to steal to survive."



نسخة طبق الأصل

Legal minefield holds up Bonn's combat mission

BY ROGER BOYES

■ Herr Kohl feared being held hostage by the opposition, so he has recruited the courts to rescue him from military impotence

GERMANY is a prisoner of paradox, as the constitutional tangle over the deployment of German aircrews in Bosnia has shown yet again. Germany's huge economy, although strained, dominates Europe, yet the country is forbidden — or forbids itself — from projecting this weight in crises that increasingly require the use or the threat of force.

In a new and seemingly bizarre move, the Kohl government has agreed to German participation in Awacs missions but has allowed the Free Democrats, the junior coalition partner, to question the decision in the constitutional court. This does not, however, presage the collapse of the government. Rather it is supposed to be a sophisticated way out of a political tangle.

In essence, the problem is this: the planes are needed if a no-fly zone is to be enforced over Bosnia; the Awacs base and most of the crews are German; the German constitution (drafted by the occupying powers in 1949) prohibits the use of German combat troops outside the Nato area.

Or does it? This is what the judges must decide. The court adjourned yesterday without reaching a decision, which is now expected today.

There has until now been no need to investigate the small print, since nobody had much enthusiasm for seeing German forces storming around the world, even as part of a United Nations peacekeeping contingent. Bonn, in turn, accepted that the restraints on its foreign policy were historically necessary and chugged along happily enough.

The end of the Cold War, the unification of Germany and the Balkan war have changed all that. Bonn is now under strong pressure, especially from the United States, to take on more global responsibility. George Bush, when he was president, said Germany was a "partner in leadership", and President Clinton spoke similarly when Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, visited Washington last month.

Mr Clinton speaks some German and knows the country reasonably well, but shares the bafflement of the Pentagon about German reluctance to join multinational forces abroad. The Bonn decision to put the matter before the constitutional court was partly an answer to these complaints. Germany's attempt to wriggle free from its status as a military eunuch.

The decision is not as bizarre as it first appears. Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats believe the constitutional ban does not apply to international peacekeeping missions under the UN umbrella. The Free Democrats argue that such deployments require a constitutional amendment.

The constitution, however, can be changed only with the consent of the Social Democrat oppposition, which would certainly want to water down any overseas involvement. So, to avoid becoming hostages of the Social Democrats, part of the government coalition has put the matter in the hands of the constitutional judges. In a classically German metamorphosis, the political problem has been made a legal one.

A serious problem about becoming embroiled abroad is that the Bundeswehr has never been trained for out-of-area missions. Indeed, it is nervous about combat of any kind, and not a single German soldier today has combat experience. Equipment is also still geared for a defensive war against the defunct Warsaw Pact. The German army is a conscript army and, as a direct result of Hitler, has been trained to question decisions.

So the psychology of the army — and of the population at large, come to that — has to change if German forces are ever to become an effective partner in peacekeeping operations. That requires more time and Western patience; it is, after all, only two and a half years since unification. But crises such as that in the Balkans demand speedy, concerted action.



All together now: a keeper at Wagenbeck zoo in Hamburg ushers a flock of flamingos towards their open-air enclosure yesterday. Now that spring is here, the birds will be on full view to the public

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EC admits tobacco cartel link of official who killed himself

BY TOM WALKER AND ANGELA MACKAY

THE European Commission has admitted that Antonio Quatraro, a senior Italian official who leapt to his death from a sixth-floor window last week, was involved in a tobacco cartel.

After a meeting with David Williamson, the Commission's secretary-general, the campaigning Labour MEP for Birmingham, John Tomlinson, has told reporters that Signor Quatraro, who ran the EC's tobacco division for three years until he was moved from the post in 1990, accepted kickbacks from trading companies who bought the EC's surplus tobacco at knockdown prices.

Signor Quatraro committed suicide following a meeting with a former minister in the Italian Christian Democrat cabinet last week after being implicated in tobacco fraud. The meeting took place in Brussels last Monday, one day before Signor Quatraro leapt to his death from a window in EC headquarters.

Mr Tomlinson, who is the permanent rapporteur of the committee on budgetary control, said Signor Quatraro, who enjoyed a life of some glamour in Brussels, ensured that the lots of tobacco being sold from EC intervention stores in Italy and Greece were so large that only certain trading companies could afford to buy them. Sometimes as much as 80,000 tonnes of tobacco was sold to a cartel of just four trading firms.

"Any system where production is so out of line with demand that it pays traders subsidies to reduce surpluses is a system in which endemic fraud is inevitable," Mr Tomlinson said.

Colleagues and friends of Signor Quatraro, who was 59, claim his suicide was linked to depression rather than any financial scandal. Mr Tomlinson admitted that Signor Quatraro's alleged crimes were on a smaller scale than had first been suspected. "There is clearly a criminal conspiracy in this sector but not of the size or scale of the Mafia," he said, discounting rumours that Signor Quatraro had channelled funds to Cosa Nostra.

Prima facie evidence suggests that Signor Quatraro was involved in a cartel that dealt in large amounts of surplus dark tobacco that was then sold to Third World countries and benefited from EC export refunds. Tobacco subsidies reached about 1.3 billion ecus (£1 billion) last year and had increased substantially under Signor Quatraro's stewardship.

Mr Tomlinson said the Commission will prepare a report into the suicide and the circumstances surrounding it in the run-up to wide-ranging EC hearings into export fraud that will begin commence in early June.

The MEP said the problems in the tobacco regime provided an excellent example of the corruption that could be nurtured by the mechanisms surrounding the common agricultural policy.

Andreotti grilled by hero of new Italy

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

GIULIO Andreotti, the former Christian Democrat prime minister, was interrogated for the first time yesterday by Judge Antonio Di Pietro, who is leading the Italian corruption investigation, as the head of La Scala opera house was ousted on the ground that he had benefited from political patronage.

Signor Andreotti, who was prime minister seven times, was questioned by the Milan judge in an office of a carabinieri paramilitary police station on the Aventine hill. Signor Di Pietro wanted to know more about the alleged links of the veteran politician to bribery involving his protégé, Giuseppe Ciarrapico, jailed president of Roma soccer club, who made a fortune selling mineral water.

Signor Andreotti told reporters before the hearing: "Evidently they want to listen to what I have to say." The judge began his questioning soon afterwards, marking the first confrontation between the two men who personify the old and the new in Italy.

Earlier, Signor Di Pietro and his colleague from the Clean Hands enquiry, Judge Gherardo Colombo, travelled from Milan to the Regina Coeli jail in Rome to question Signor Ciarrapico, the "king of bubbles", in his cell. A Social Democrat party official who has turned state's evidence claims that Signor Ciarrapico handed a bribe of 250 million lire (£120,000) to the Social Democrats at the request of Signor Andreotti.



Di Pietro: looking for ties with bribery

Signor Andreotti was further isolated in his party yesterdy after a parliamentary committee declared that Salvo Lima, his right-hand man in Sicily, was a Mafia go-between. "Lima's links with the Cosa Nostra were certain and he was the leader in Sicily of the Christian Democrat faction headed by Andreotti," said the committee resolution.

☐ **Rome:** Renato Curcio, 51, founder of the once notorious Red Brigades guerrillas, whose members kidnapped and murdered the former Italian prime minister, Aldo Moro, yesterday got his first taste of freedom after 17 years in prison on a daily work-release programme. *(Reuter).*

Tomsk blast revives Chernobyl spectre

■ Russian environmentalists were quick to challenge the official claim that the Siberian nuclear leak was not dangerous

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

CIVIL defence units in a neighbouring Siberian industrial centre were put on alert yesterday and an investigation was ordered into an explosion at a chemical plant in Tomsk, which spread radioactive contamination along a two-mile stretch of road outside the city.

Officials at the Tomsk-7 nuclear reprocessing plant denied the danger was comparable to the Chernobyl accident. A clean-up of the radiation that leaked from a uranium-filled tank at noon on Tuesday had begun.

The accident caused alarm in a country that is particularly sensitive to the dangers of nuclear energy. Civil defence units were put on full alert briefly in Kemerovo, 100 miles from Tomsk, and in Novosibirsk, 125 miles to the southeast, radiation monitoring was increased.

They said that no rise in radioactivity was recorded, but air defence units detected a radioactive cloud moving away from populated areas through Siberia at a height of about two miles in the direction of the Yenisey river.

The nuclear energy ministry in Moscow admitted that the accident was the most serious since Chernobyl, categorising it as a "serious incident on the third level" of an international scale. However, the ministry said it produced only minor contamination and no one suffered dangerous exposure to radiation. "I will not call it a catastrophe, because I know it is not a catastrophe," Georgi Kaurov, the nuclear energy ministry spokesman, told a news conference in Moscow.

The plant is at a formerly secret installation about ten miles outside Tomsk. Because of its strategic significance, the city was closed to all foreigners until only a few months ago, and none is thought to be living there.

But Svyatoslav Zaberin, head of the Social and Economic Unit ecological group, told Reuter television that the leak would render the area uninhabitable. He said: "The pollution and contamination of rivers will make it medically impossible to live in the area."

Asked about official estimates of the damaged area, Mr Zaberin laughed and referred to the 1986 Chernobyl accident. "Russia should learn from the experience of Chernobyl," he said.

"At the time they pinpointed contaminated areas only in Ukraine and Belorussia. Now we know it really affected 15 regions in Russia and some areas in Europe."

The Moscow branch of the international environmental body Greenpeace called on the nuclear energy ministry to close down nuclear reprocessing facilities at Tomsk-7, Chelyabinsk in the Urals and Krasnoyarsk in Siberia.

It said the government was using the plants to separate plutonium for nuclear warheads. But a spokesman for the nuclear energy ministry said no plutonium had been processed at Tomsk for at least a year.

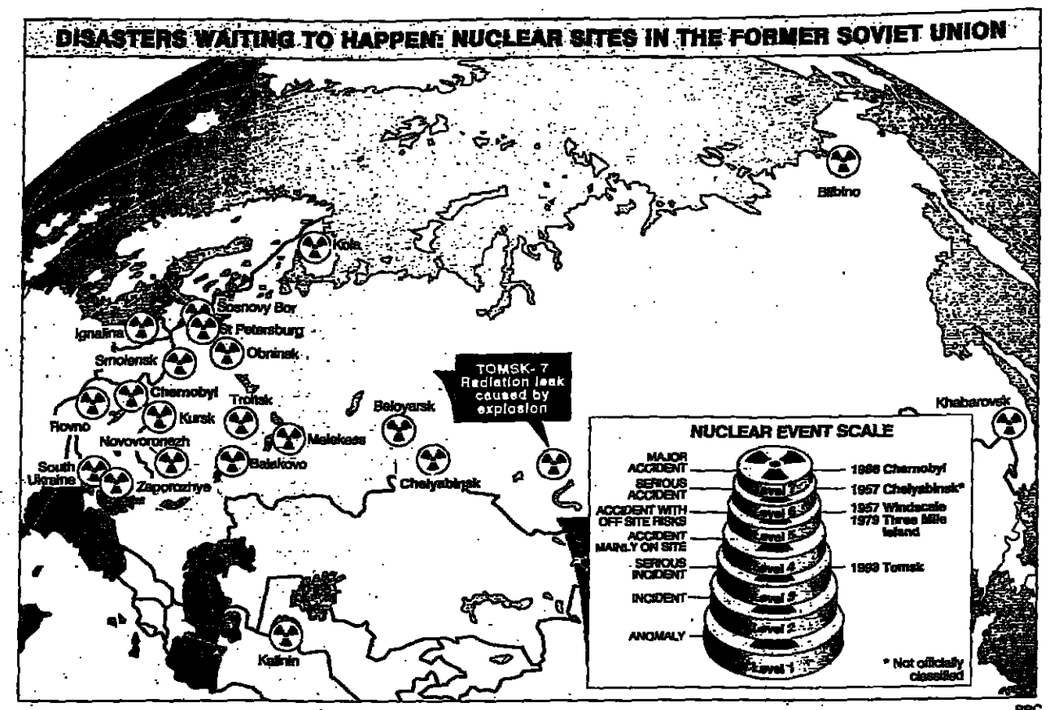
Preliminary reports said one of the units at the plant blew up in the penultimate stage of reprocessing nuclear waste. An explosion of gases in a steel tank blew off the reinforced concrete lid, which went through the roof of the building, damaging wiring and causing a fire. Radioactivity was released through a ventilation pipe.

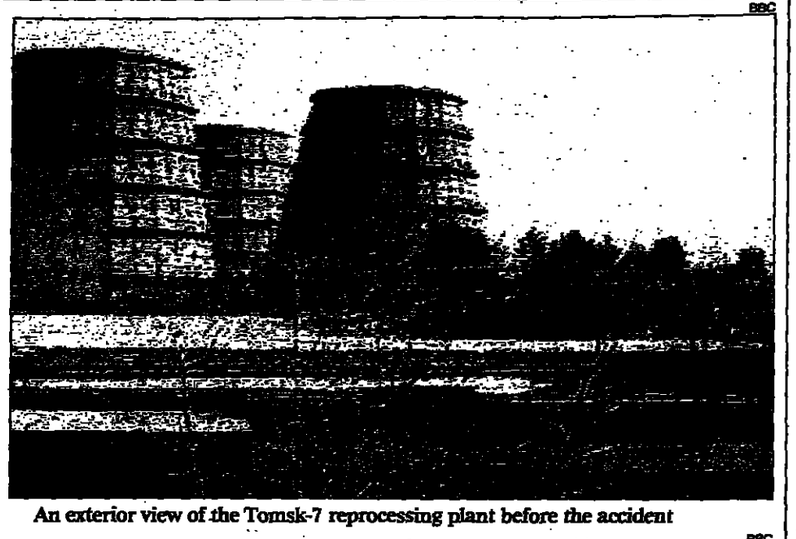
Nobody was in the building, though one worker got a radiation dose considered permissible for personnel of such plants. Military firemen who extinguished the blaze are undergoing medical checks. Contaminated snow and soil are being taken to a special dumping area, and specialists from the military academy of chemical protection are taking part in clean-up operations. Radiation levels were said to be several hundred times lower than at Chernobyl.

To calm public anxiety, a delegation from the state committee on emergencies left Moscow for Tomsk, 3,000 miles east, to see if anyone might have inhaled radioactive substances. Russians have become increasingly nervous about their ageing nuclear reactors and reprocessing plants and have enlisted Western support for urgent safety improvements to reactors of old design and those considered most dangerous. Little has been done to make the plants safe, most of which are in western Russia near population centres.

At a press conference on Tuesday, a presidential adviser on ecological issues said as much as 14 per cent of Russian territory, supporting four million, suffered environmental pollution. He said the areas around Chernobyl, Semipalatinsk, the former Soviet atomic testing area, and Krasnoyarsk were the worst affected, and also pinpointed the danger of radioactive waste buried under water.

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An exterior view of the Tomsk-7 reprocessing plant before the accident

BBC


Workers inside the plant checking two of the giant circular display screens

Radioactive graveyards alarm West

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

NUCLEAR waste is a time bomb in the former Soviet Union. The radioactive graveyards dotted through Russia and the neighbouring republics represent a huge environmental threat. Only the vastness of the country has so far provided protection against the consequences of the 40 years of secrecy and carelessness they represent.

Yesterday's explosion and radioactive leak at Tomsk-7 is not the first at the site. In 1990, radiation levels there were so high that 38 people were admitted to hospital. Nor does the accident compare in scale with a major disaster at a similar nuclear site at Chelyabinsk in the Urals in 1957, but Russian officials admit it is the worst nuclear accident since Unit 4 at Chernobyl in 1986.

The incident appears to have occurred when nitric acid was added to a tank containing uranium. The explosion was chemical, rather than nuclear, and was sufficiently powerful to blow the concrete lid off the tank. No details have been given but there are some similarities with an explosion at Sellafield in 1973. Then the combination of nitric acid and the solvents used to extract uranium and plutonium from spent fuel formed an explosive mixture. This is possible if the ratios of the materials are not carefully controlled.

The Russians immediately classified the Tomsk accident as level three on the nuclear incident scale, a relatively low-ly designation that appears unduly optimistic. (Chernobyl rates as seven, the Windscale fire of 1957 as five.)

Some 30,000 to 40,000 people are believed to live close to the plant, with a further 100,000 at Tomsk itself, some 14 miles away. Russian claims that there has been no contamination or risk to the public are listened to but not necessarily believed by Western observers. Like the nuclear industry in the West, the Russian authorities are inclined to play down accidents.

The International Atomic Energy Agency cannot intervene, as Tomsk-7 is a military plant. No IAEA inspector has ever visited the plant, and the agency only heard of the incident when phoned by media correspondents. "The Tomsk accident has revealed a disturbing loophole in the international nuclear safety regime" Dr Green said. "The IAEA is completely powerless to intervene. We need a nuclear policeman, not a nuclear poodle."

During 1992, 205 incidents were recorded at Russian nuclear plants; 174 of them below level one on the IAEA scale. Of the other 31, 28 were classified level 1, and three level 2. The most serious incident before Tomsk-7 was at Sosnovy Bor, close to St Petersburg, where a leak in 1992 was classified level 3.

Natural disaster and ancient enmity harden hearts in Caucasus dispute



Lord Bethell, MEP for London North-West, recently visited Armenia and Azerbaijan with a European parliament delegation. Here he gives his account of the suffering as war rages over Nagorno-Karabakh

THE flight from Moscow's domestic airport was overbooked. For six hours we sat in our seats while passengers wept, shouted and bribed their way on board. Finally we took off with 150 extra people standing in the aisles, their luggage (including car tyres and televisions) stacked up by the lavatories and emergency exits. So began my "Euro-junket" to the Caucasus.

Three hours later we were in Yerevan, a city of ghosts where the electricity often goes off at night and people use torches to guide themselves along black, empty streets. And so, although protected from the worst as foreign visitors, we came to share for a few days the discomfort of what is perhaps the world's most wounded country.

Armenia lost 25,000 killed in the 1988 earthquake and several dozen more in the Azerbaijani pogrom at Sumgait, north of Baku. Since then Azerbaijan has blockaded them, starving them of oil and most other necessities of life. Because of the earthquake, they have had to shut down the Medzamor nuclear power plant. There is only an hour or two a day of television. The nation's trees have been cut down for firewood.

Even in the Gorbachev Suite at the government guest house, we lived without heating or hot water, sleeping in hats, socks, gloves and many sweaters. And this was at freezing point, warm compared to the minus 20C that people endured earlier in the year.

Armenia should be enjoying its rebirth. It has one of the world's earliest alphabets and, in AD300, they were the first to embrace Christianity as the state religion. In the Soviet Union they were third after Russians and Jews in scientific achievement. They have a large and supportive diaspora in France and America. Today, after centuries of Turkish and Russian rule, after the massacres of 1915, after Stalin and Brezhnev, they are at last a sovereign democracy.

"We have 30 political parties, seven of them represented in the parliament," said President Ter-Petrossian. "Several times a week we have demonstrations in Opera Square. I do not know if there is one today. If there is not, I can arrange one for you."

Instead of enjoying new life, the Armenians are dying of cold and hunger. In some cities unemployment is 90 per cent. There are 300,000 refugees. The average monthly wage is enough for one meal at Yerevan's one restaurant which is, of course, owned by the local mafia. Schools and hospitals are closed: the sick stay at home.

All this happens because of the war in Nagorno-Karabakh, a disputed enclave in Azerbaijan where 150,000 Armenians live and fight. As a result of the dispute, perhaps 10,000 have been killed in war, deportations and other ethnic violence during the past five years. Harant Bagratian, the prime minister, said: "We are dying. We need fuel and energy. We will have to reopen that terrible Medzamor nuclear plant, even though it is in an earthquake zone. We have no alternative."

We then flew across the line to Baku, Azerbaijan's capital, where we were not welcome. The hotel crawled with cockroaches and gun-toting "advisers" in string vests. As Europeans, we are assumed to be under the influence of world Christianity and the Armenian diaspora.

"You have been misled," said Namik Akhundov, a senior official in the parliament. "In 1915 it was the Armenians who committed genocide against the Turks."

Britain has only two merits in Azerbaijani eyes. The first is Baroness Thatcher, who was recently in Baku supporting British Petroleum's hopes for drilling rights in the Caspian Sea. The second is the mass execution, by a British expeditionary force in September 1918, of 26 Bolshevik commissars.

"You should have shot more of them," Mr Akhundov told me. The great monument to these early communist martyrs has now been knocked down and the "Square of 26 Commissars" renamed.

Visiting the Darnajyl refugee hostel, we listened to a long list of atrocities perpetrated by Armenians against the families who live there, after which we were told sharply, "We do not want your European medicines. We do not want your food. We want guns to kill more Armenians."

Isa Gambar, president of the Azerbaijani parliament, made it clear that Armenia is the aggressor, that the war is taking place on Azerbaijani territory, that they would therefore maintain the blockade and make war against Karabakh until their sovereignty is restored.

After these fierce encounters, it was a pleasure to meet Abulfaz Elchibey, president of Azerbaijan. There is a solution to the conflict, he told me. Karabakh must remain inside Azerbaijan but the people of Karabakh will enjoy cultural and religious autonomy. He was, he said, prepared to consider the possibility of administrative autonomy.


Range-finding: an Azerbaijani soldier firing shells at Armenian trenches near the village of Fizuli

Turkey reinforces enclave border

BY JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

TURKEY has strengthened its forces along its border with Nakhichevan, the Azerbaijani enclave in Armenia, in the hope of deterring further Armenian advances from the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh into Azerbaijan. President Ozal has called for Turkish military intervention in the dispute, but Suleyman Demirel, the prime minister, said that would solve nothing.

On Tuesday, the United Nations Security Council expressed serious concern at the invasion of the Kelbadzhar district of Azerbaijan by local Armenian forces and demanded their withdrawal. Azerbaijani officials claim the Armenians have captured more than a tenth of Azerbaijan in the west.

On a visit to what was Soviet Central Asia, Mr Ozal called for action to help the Azerbaijanis, who are ethnically linked to the Turks. He said his country should have intervened long ago in the five-year dispute over the mostly Armenian-populated enclave.

In interviews with Turkish newspapers, General Dogan Gures, the armed forces chief of staff, said that Turkish troops had been sent to the Nakhichevan border. The enclave is sandwiched between Armenia, Turkey and Iran. He said reconnaissance flights were being flown but emphasised that military intervention was out of the question.

"The most important thing is to solve this problem by diplomatic means. The army is ready and has taken all options into consideration," he said.

Russian celebrities join Yeltsin's ranks

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

A GROUP of Russian celebrities, from Mikhail Gorbachev's "Mr Glasnost" to Gary Kasparov, the chess champion, have rallied to support President Yeltsin in this month's vital referendum.

The *Izvestia* newspaper yesterday published an appeal signed by 25 prominent reformers, including Yegor Gaidar and Boris Fyodorov, the past and present economic policy supremos, and Anatoli Chubais, the privatisation minister. "On April 25 the president and the deputies will face an examination before the Russian people and the Russian people will face an examination before history," the appeal said.

Voters in the referendum will be asked four questions: whether they have confidence in Mr Yeltsin; whether they back his radical economic reforms; and whether they favour early elections of president and deputies. Mr Yeltsin, who narrowly survived an attempt by the Russian Congress of People's Deputies to oust him last month, hopes a strong show of support will swing the power struggle decisively in his favour.

Among the signatories were people from Mr Gorbachev's perestroika days. The list included Yelena Bonner, widow of Andrei Sakharov, the human rights campaigner, Aleksandr Yakoviev, known in the West as "Mr Glasnost", Vladimir Bukovsky, the exiled writer, and Gavriil Popov, the former mayor of Moscow.

"Though far from everything in the president's work satisfies us, we are convinced he will pursue the course of democratic reform more vigorously," the appeal said.

Soviet nuclear arsenal

Slighted Kiev accuses Kremlin

BY MICHAEL BINYON

IN A show of pique at Russia's dominance of international aid and attention, Ukraine has accused Moscow of trying to bully it into surrendering all control of weapons, including nuclear arms, on its territory.

President Kravchuk accused Russia of demanding sole control of the nuclear weapons that are under the joint command of the Commonwealth of Independent States, of which Ukraine is a member. He said Moscow was trying to change the status of strategic nuclear forces in Ukraine and of the CIS troops in the republic. His angry riposte comes after Russia accused Ukraine of "playing political games" with nuclear weapons by delaying ratification of two disarmament treaties.

Anatoli Zlenko, the Ukraine foreign minister, said the Russians were dragging out negotiations and playing a double game. Ukraine has so far failed to follow the example of Belorussia and Kazakhstan in ratifying the treaties signed by America and the Soviet Union and this has provoked growing concern in Moscow and the West. Russia says Ukraine has refused to allow nuclear warheads to be removed from delivery vehicles and moved to Russia for elimination under bilateral control. Negotiators also say Kiev has not responded to their proposals to maintain the safety of fissionable material.

Behind the quarrel lies a sense of exasperation and wounded pride in Kiev that the West, and especially America, has paid considerable attention to Russia since the break up of the Soviet Union but has virtually ignored Ukraine, the second largest former Soviet republic. The Vancouver summit was seen as a slight to a country which feels the West is only interested in it because it has nuclear weapons.

Leonid Kuchma, the prime minister, and Mr Zlenko argued this week that Ukraine cannot afford to give up nuclear components and pay an estimated $2.8 billion (£1.85 billion) to clear up the silos, and wants more help from the West. President Kravchuk called on President Yeltsin to meet him for direct talks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia asked to join US in space

Washington: Russia will be asked to help in the design of a smaller and cheaper space station for the United States and its allies (Ian Brodie writes).

The planned co-operation was seen in Washington yesterday, as an inevitable outcome of the end of the Cold War, eventually enabling the world to pursue a single programme of space exploration rather than conduct rival national projects.

Britain will also be involved with the project through the European Space Agency. The government is contributing £123 million towards a system which will study the earth's atmosphere.

Giving the Russians a role in the US space programme means that President Clinton can save tax dollars while helping him to fulfil his promises at the Vancouver summit of forging a new partnership to bolster President Yeltsin and the Russian economy.

Troops stay in Georgia

Moscow: Russian troops are to remain stationed on Georgian territory, including in the separatist Abkhazia region, until 1995, Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister, said.

Mr Grachev, who is leading the Russian delegation at talks with Georgian authorities in Russia's Black Sea resort of Sochi, said the accord had been reached with Tengiz Sigua, the Georgian prime minister. About 20,000 Russian troops are deployed in Georgia, whose authorities have accused Russian units of helping secessionist rebels in Abkhazia. *(AFP)*

War cry

Paris: North Korea said it was not afraid of war if that was necessary to protect its interests against United Nations sanctions over its refusal to allow suspected nuclear weapons facilities to be inspected. *(Reuter)*

Passenger dies

Anchorage: At least one person on a jet flying to Los Angeles were killed and more than 150 injured when heavy turbulence rocked the plane. The China Eastern Airlines jet was forced to make an emergency landing. *(Reuter)*

Man burns

Hartford, Connecticut: A Buddhist, believed to be Vietnamese, burned himself to death to protest at what he called religious persecution in Vietnam while five colleagues filmed the event on video cameras, police said. *(Reuter)*

Deadly route

Geneva: Road accidents cause a death every 50 seconds and an injury every two seconds around the world, the World Health Organisation said, releasing the figures to mark World Health day. *(Reuter)*

Model child

New York: Maria Maples, the constant companion of the tycoon Donald Trump, has appeared in her underwear on the front page of the New York *Daily News* to announce that she is pregnant with his child.

Pursuing peace

Moscow: Troops at a Moscow air defence unit carried out their own "disarmament" programme by stealing gold and platinum components from missiles and selling them, Tass said. *(Reuter)*

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Father's illness spurs First Lady to tackle ethics as well as medical costs

Bedside vigil adds to Hillary Clinton's health reform zeal

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY Clinton, brushing aside criticism over her control of controversial health care reforms in her husband's administration, has thrown herself into the fray with renewed vigour and personal passion after a two-week vigil at the bedside of her sick father.

In an impassioned speech at the University of Texas in Austin, she went beyond the usual economic issues of health care reform, universal insurance coverage, cost controls and "managed competition", and emphasised the need to confront ethical and spiritual issues head-on.

The massive stroke which is threatening the life of Hugh Rodham, 82, has had a deep effect on the First Lady, who is known to be very close to her father. It might also affect the rest of America because of the implications for health care reform, an issue which Americans regard as the single most important issue on the political agenda.

In her speech at Austin on Tuesday, she asked: "When does life start? When does life end? Who makes those decisions? ... They are not issues that we have guidebooks about ... They are issues that we have to summon up what we believe is morally and ethically and spiritually correct and do the best we can with God's guidance." In an uncharacteristic, woeful tone, she was speaking of a "spiritual *vacuum*" and "an undercurrent of discontent in American society" which have resulted in "a crisis of meaning".

It was Mrs Clinton's first public address since she left the White House and moved into a Little Rock, Arkansas, hospital room, where she has been staying with her mother Dorothy, brothers Hugh and Tony, and daughter Chelsea.

Mrs Clinton also indicated that her husband's administration may curb the excesses of malpractice litigation, a key factor behind rising health care costs, amounting to 14 per cent of America's gross national product. She said the president's economic plan would fail if the country was unable to curtail costs in the health care sector.

Her absence from the White House and the health care task force that she heads means her reform programme will miss the administration's self-imposed deadline of May 3. But any delay is expected to be only for a few weeks.

In his wife's enforced absence, President Clinton, who has been lately immersed in foreign policy affairs, has set aside two hours a day this week to discuss the issue in order to prevent the health care reform, a key plank of his administration's policy, from being derailed. The White House insists that the expected delay would not affect the congressional timetable.

The president is sticking to plans to let Congress enact the reforms this year, even though some congressional leaders, including senior Democrats, have publicly voiced concern about rushing through such a comprehensive reform package. They fear the longer it is delayed, the greater will be the pressure to enact it.



Star speaker: Hillary Clinton, making an impassioned speech at the University of Texas in Austin, confronts the spiritual issues raised by life and death

Cambodia murders mar UN chief's visit

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PNOM PENH

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, needed all his diplomatic skills yesterday to conceal his distaste as he shook hands at Phnom Penh airport with Khieu Samphan, the nominal Khmer Rouge leader.

Only hours before Dr Boutros Ghali arrived to see for himself the problems balking UN attempts to mount free elections in Cambodia, the white-painted coffins, wrapped in the blue UN flag, of three Bulgarian soldiers killed by the Khmer Rouge were loaded on to an aircraft at the same airport for the journey back to Sofia.

They were murdered while attending a dinner party at a Bulgarian camp 44 miles northwest of here, an act chillingly reminiscent of the murderous rule of the Khmer Rouge leader, Pol Pot. During their rule, the Khmer Rouge used to invite their victims for a meal or to "come for further study" before killing them. This time the killers were the guests.

Asked later if he had raised the killings when he met Mr Khieu Samphan later, Dr Boutros Ghali's response was surprisingly mild. "We deplore these assassinations because UN forces are here to provide peace," he said. "The mission of the UN is a peacekeeping mission, it is not a mission of force. We have to solve problems through dialogue, persuasion and negotiation."

Cambodia's six-week election campaign, which the Khmer Rouge are boycotting, got under way yesterday with a sense of foreboding of further violence and bloodshed after a series of attacks by the Khmer Rouge on UN peacekeepers and massacres of Vietnamese settlers who yesterday continued to flee the country.

Phnom Penh looked like an armed camp as Dr Boutros Ghali, under a royal parasol, walked to his limousine with Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the head of state, who has been warned of assassination attempts.

Under Dr Boutros Ghali's hotel window, floating villages of Vietnamese in houseboats roped together sailed for the border as the UN tried to protect them from harassment by Khmer Rouge and Phnom Penh troops.

Cuomo forgoes seat on Supreme Court

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

MARIO Cuomo, the governor of New York, is reported to have withdrawn from the race to replace Byron White who is retiring as a justice on the US Supreme Court.

There was no official confirmation of the reports from either the White House or the governor's office yesterday, but the withdrawal is understood to have come in a letter from Governor Cuomo to the president. Mr Cuomo had been considered a front-runner for the job. During the election campaign, Mr Clinton repeatedly referred to the New York governor as a splendid potential justice.

The withdrawal, which was first reported in *New York Newsday* and later corroborated by other news reports, adds to the governor's reputation for dithering. Having privately expressed an interest, he later likened the job of a Supreme Court justice to being "entombed". Mr Cuomo is now intent on running for a fourth term as New York governor.

His withdrawal would leave the field open for a series of other less well-known candidates, and pressure is likely to increase for the nomination of a woman or a member of an ethnic minority. Barbara Jordan, a black law professor and former congresswoman, surprised observers last week when she indicated that she would be prepared to serve on the Supreme Court.

Other candidates are Judge Judith Kaye, chief judge of New York's highest state court, Judge Patricia Wald, who sits in on the US Court of Appeals in Washington, and Judge Richard Arnold of Little Rock, Arkansas, a friend of the Clintons. The president has until the summer to nominate a replacement for Justice White, one of the court's staunchest conservatives.



Cuomo: enhancing his reputation as a ditherer

Fainting fits fell Cairo girls

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

EGYPT set up an emergency ministerial committee yesterday to investigate the wave of mystery fainting fits, which has felled more than 1,500 girls, shut down dozens of schools, caused panic in hospitals and even raised questions in parliament.

"In my 32 years of experience I have never known a phenomenon like it," said Ahmed Rashid, medical director of Cairo's large El Agouza Hospital after its gates were besieged by hysterical, weeping relatives of scores of schoolgirls in comas brought in by private car and ambulance.

"We have tried every clinical test available on the girls from four schools we have admitted this morning and nothing has shown up. The only thing is that many of the girls affected claimed to have smelt something distinctive before they passed out." Dr Rashid said. "But none of the boys was affected. As a precaution all local schools have been shut down."

The epidemic now officially classified as "the mass fainting" began in a small village 75 miles north of Cairo a week ago when a teenage girl who was reading out loud in class swooned with others following suit. It has since spread to rural areas and the main cities of Cairo, Alexandria and Ismailia with the great majority of those affected aged between nine and 16 years.

Gaddafi escapes new curbs

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

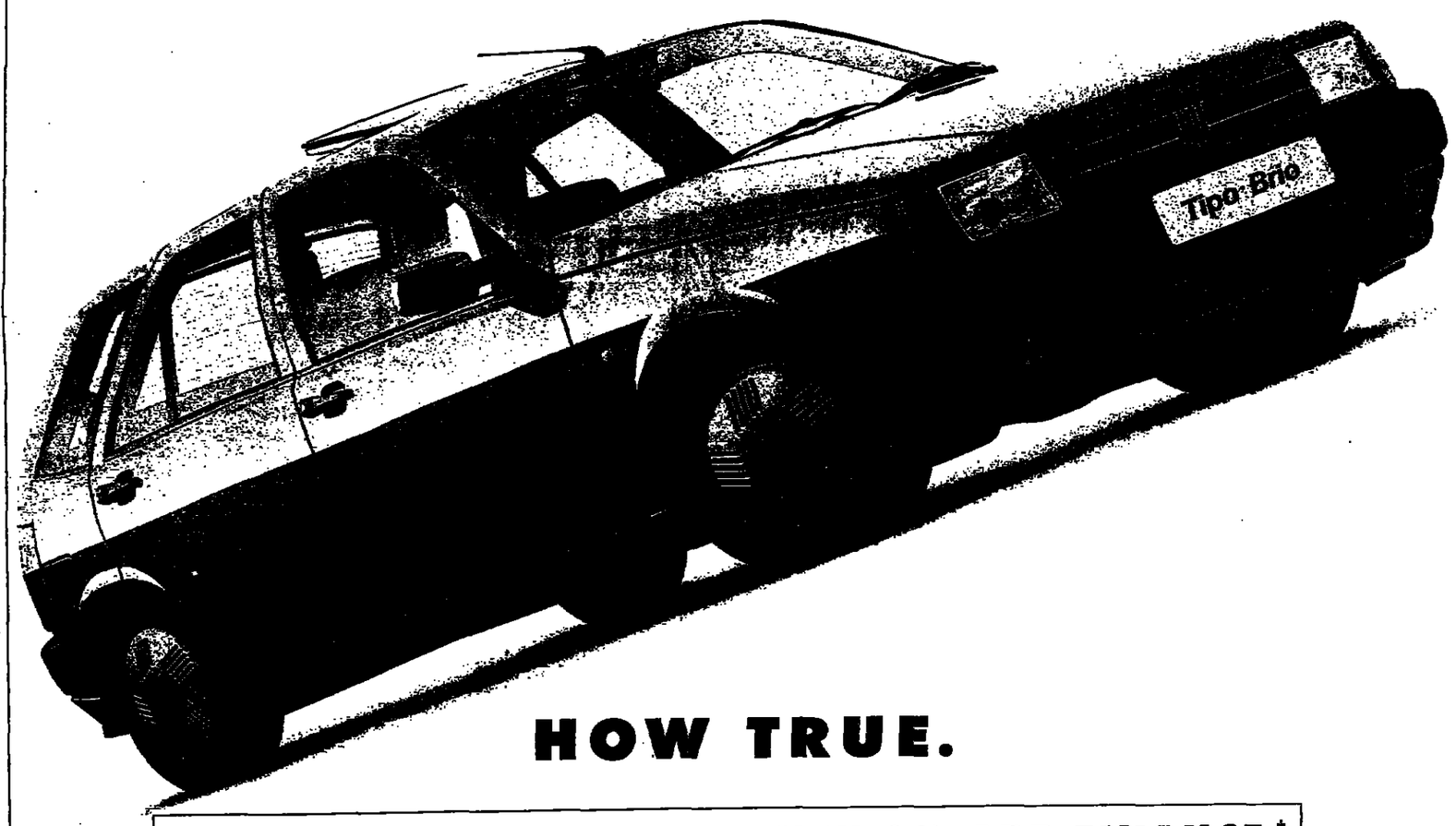
SANCTIONS imposed on Libya a year ago will be reviewed today by the United Nations Security Council. America, Britain and France will not, however, be seeking tough new measures to persuade Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to surrender the two agents accused of the Lockerbie bombing.

The three allies have yet to agree new sanctions among themselves, and Arab opposition would make UN approval difficult to obtain. President Mubarak of Egypt asked President Clinton on Tuesday for more time to persuade Colonel Gaddafi to surrender the agents; Ahmed Esmat Abdel Maguid, the Arab League secretary-general, did the same at the UN.

The allies will today reiterate their determination to see the two Libyans stand trial in the West, and will issue a warning that they are likely to seek new sanctions before the next review in 120 days' time.

The Clinton administration had wanted to expand the present ban on travel and arms sales to Libya into an international embargo on Libyan oil, which generates 90 per cent of Colonel Gaddafi's revenues, but that idea encountered stiff European opposition. The other proposals were a ban on the sale of oil-related equipment to Libya and a freeze on its foreign assets, but France has resisted even those.

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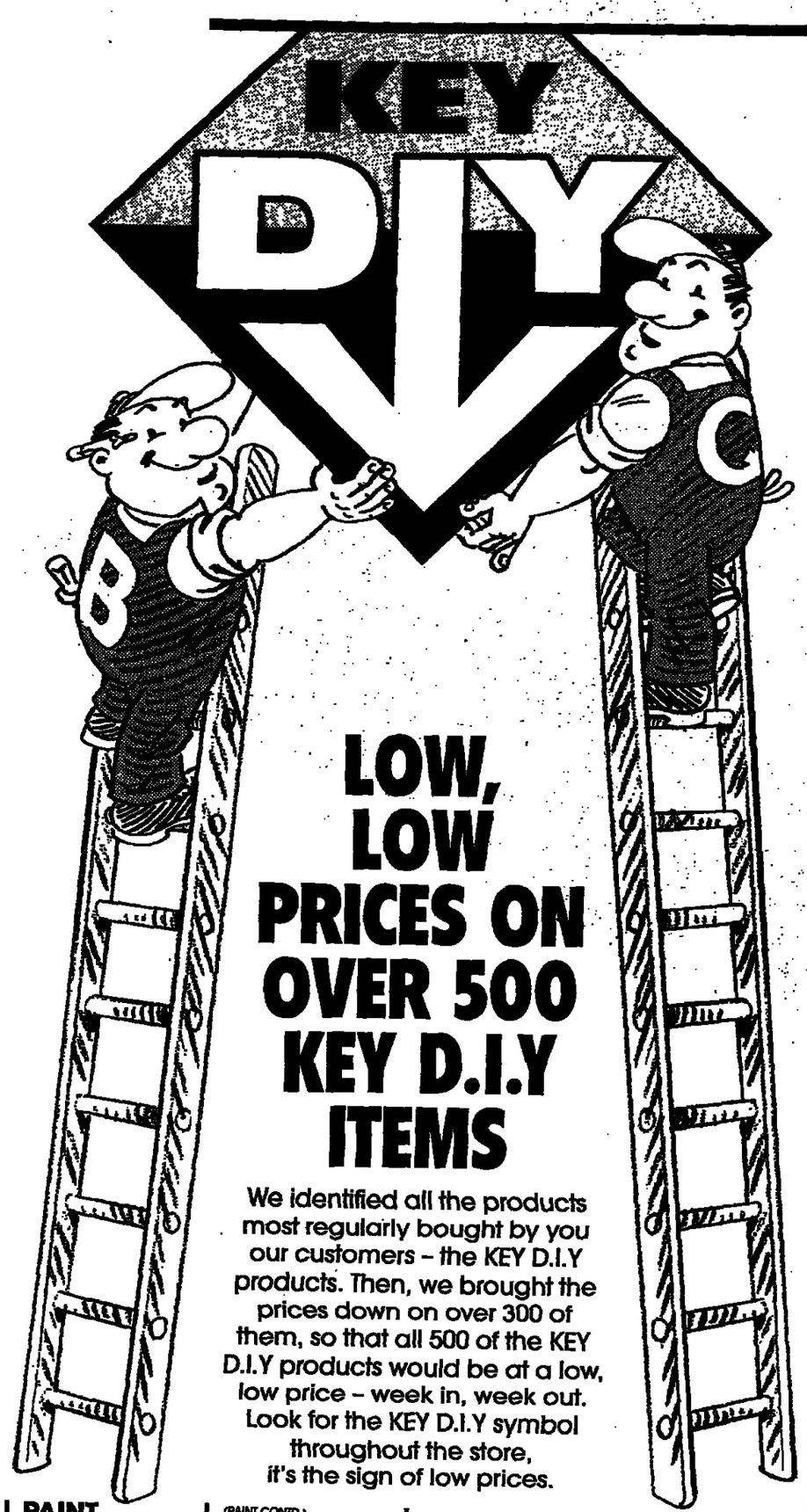
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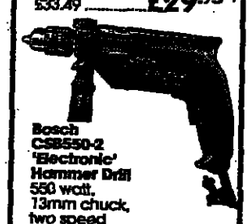
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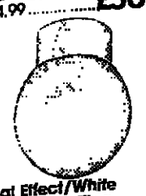
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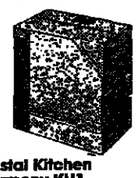
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The sad wife John Major left behind

While the prime minister runs the country, Norma Major has run for cover, says **Tim Walker**

A few days before last year's general election, Norma Major was asked if she could have coped with the idea of her husband losing. He had been in No 10 for only 16 months, she had replied, so no, she wouldn't have found it hard to have gone back to a normal life. As she said, the family had not yet lost touch with what it had had before.

Whether, a year on from the Conservatives' election victory, the Majors are still the family they were, can only be guessed at by outsiders, but the strain of being married to the prime minister has plainly taken a heavy toll on Mrs Major. The pinnacle of her husband's career has turned out to be her personal nadir.

What Mrs Major has had to put up with is appalling. A lot of people should feel guilty about the way they treated her, not least the snobbish, misogynistic civil servants at No 10, who, her former secretary Barbara Wallis says, made her life hell on earth in the early days, treating her as little more than a chattel.

> 'I'm not a paid public servant. I can choose where I go'

We in the media were also less than hospitable. Like those prissy old dears in Terence Rattigan's play *Separate Tables*, we felt quite unable to restrain ourselves from picking on every one of the social failings we perceived in her after she stumbled so unexpectedly into our midst: she wore the same blue dress on two consecutive public occasions. *Well*, my dear.

A shy, quiet woman who only ever wanted a peaceful life, she could have done without all of this. Pat Dessoy, her sister-in-law, concedes that it has been tough for her, but she takes the view that if you are married, you support your husband. "It doesn't matter whether that means you have to adapt or have to do things you don't like," she says. "You have to put up with it."

However, Mrs Major has begun to show signs that she is getting a little tired of having to put up with it. Since her unhappy trip to Canada with her husband last December, when she finally appeared to buckle and announced that she couldn't face a state banquet, she has retreated to her mock-Tudor home in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, and all but disappeared from public view.

The official explanation is that she is working on a coffee-table book about the history of Chequers. Her friends and neighbours tell a different story — of a woman who has had enough and shut out from her life her husband's job and everything that it entails.

Sue Winn, who lives not far from Mrs Major, says she feels as if the prime minister's wife wants her to put on an act when they meet, and not say anything about her husband and what he might be doing in London. "I keep the conversation on ordinary things, such as how her daughter Elizabeth is getting on," she says. "That is what she seems to want."

Eyebrows were raised when Mrs Major refused to join the other wives at the G7 summit meeting in Munich last July. "The wives aren't going to achieve anything," she told Dulcie Atkins, a fellow "Westminster widow". "What is the point in spending the taxpayers' money sending me along?" To a newspaper reporter who asked why she wasn't going, she snapped: "I'm not a paid public servant. I can choose what I do and where I go." Peter Brown, Mr Major's agent, says frankly that he doesn't believe Mrs Major will find real happiness until her husband leaves No 10. What sustains her, he feels, is that she believes that, once he leaves office, they will be able to resume an ordinary marriage. She even has a romantic notion of taking him up the Nile with her on a long-delayed holiday.

If she is not awaiting the day with actual impatience, she is certainly clear in her mind about how long she is prepared to wait. As her old friend Baroness Blatch, the education minister, says, Mrs Major is more or less reconciled to her husband trying for another term to see through his policies. Beyond that, Baroness Blatch cannot see her quietly sitting back and letting him continue for a third term or remaining as leader of the Opposition if he loses the next election. She adds that Mrs Major would be conscious of her husband's popularity ratings and would be the first to tell him to step down if they fell beneath a certain level.

In the meantime, as Mrs Major sits at Huntingdon waiting for John finally to come home, she has become almost jealous of the wife of the man he defeated: Glenys Kinnock. Not long ago, she saw a photograph of Mrs Kinnock standing proudly beside her son Stephen after he had graduated from Queens' College, Cambridge, and read elsewhere that she was managing to find the time to go to the theatre twice a week with the former leader of the Opposition. "I did feel, 'How nice for her, how pleasant'," she remarked wistfully. "Wouldn't it be lovely to do that?"

● Norma, *Tim Walker's biography of Mrs Major, is published by Fourth Estate (£14.99).*

MARK ELLIDGE



What a difference a year makes: Norma Major on the hustings for her husband in 1992. Now she keeps out of the public eye as much as possible

Whatever happened to last April's losers?

Former MPs struggle to rebuild their lives after being abandoned by the voters, reports **Liam Jarnecki**

For 58 former MPs this week is the first anniversary of their defeat. For some it meant having to re-enter a hostile real world that they had not seen for nearly two decades. For a few, such as Mid-Staffordshire's Sylvia Heal, visiting the Commons briefly as spectacular by-election winners, and just waiting for the day their results would be reversed, it would be easier to adjust. For all a chapter had ended; just how were the victims of the 1992 poll getting on?

Rosie Barnes and John Cartwright were the two independent sitting MPs in Greenwich and Wootwich who had watched the SDP collapse.

Rosie Barnes admits to being "heart broken on the night". Even now, she laughs, she still gets letters from constituents that sympathise with her defeat and then go on to say, "But anyway, about my drains . . ."

Her family shared her disappointment, but she has cheered up now: "I found that I had more time and more freedom. I even had time to think about what clothes I was wearing. As far as I was concerned my political career was over, I went down with the ship."

John Cartwright accepts that too. It was, he told me "numbing to realise it was all over". It meant an end to 40 years in politics. "The constituency became more important to me than anything," he says.

Others take a different attitude. Hugo Summerson, the former Conservative member for Walthamstow is confident that he will be back, though he thinks his opposition to the Maastricht Treaty "might lead to a little delay". He gained his seat in 1987 on the back of a 62 per cent rate rise by the local Labour council. His constituency was one in a belt around London which swung to Labour, a phenomenon which also took the Lewisham seats of ministers John Maples and Colin Moynihan and helped Glenda Jackson gain Hampstead and Highgate.

Robert Hayward, the former member for Kingswood, Bristol, admits he does not even enjoy watching the opposition lose. Hayward has become renowned as a statistical wizard, so adept at political number-crunching that he apparently knew by how much he would lose and by how many seats John Major would win. He now spends much of his time in consultancy for the Conservative party, and is studying the implications of the boundary changes. It has meant that he has stayed at the centre of the political scene. Conservative Central Office, I remarked, seemed a good place from which to begin a return to the Commons.

His party association in Kingswood, Bristol have yet to decide their plans, but many of his colleagues believe he is likely to get back. He has been eyed with a little envy by some of the 36 other unseated Tories, many of whom are sniffing around for a new seat.

Hayward is fortunate that he has been able to combine his work with politics. For many, losing in 1992 has plunged them into renewed conflict between two careers — a nerve wracking path they embarked on when first elected to a marginal constituency.

John Maples was elected in 1983, rose to become economic secretary to the Treasury under Norman Lamont and was tipped to go further until the people of Lewisham West intervened last April. "I had just begun a ministerial post," he told me. "I was used a lot in the election and I pictured a nice promotion." Although he has landed on his feet as a chief executive of Saatchi and Saatchi he admits to wanting to get back. He was recently very publicly beaten in the selection of the candidate for the Newbury by-election.

This has highlighted the problem, he says. While he enjoys his work, he is painfully aware of the long gap to the next election, by which time people might have to be reminded who he is. And, of course, even if he gets back he might be in opposition.

But "It's not been the worst year to be out of politics," he remarks philosophically.

One way of proving that there is life after the Commons is to enter the Lords. Lynda Chalker, a Foreign Office minister, had her 279 majority in Wallasey overturned on the Thursday, did her washing on Friday, received a phone call from the prime minister on Saturday and was travelling to Hungary on Sunday as Baroness Chalker, minister at the Foreign Office.

On the night, she felt "a huge sense of disappointment". But being a woman who "accepts situations which I can't change" she saw "a tremendous need for a fresh start". Her tiny majority had focused her mind through those years, and she "spent virtually every weekend working in the constituency and being a minister on weekdays" — a workload which inevitably took its toll on the rest of her life.

> Some hover round the fringes of Parliament hoping for a crumb or two of indulgence

Still, when one traces where the 58 are now, few have sunk without trace. Chris Patten left the Cabinet to become governor of Hong Kong. Colin Moynihan does consultancy work for Elf. John Cartwright now works on the Police Complaints Authority. Rosie Barnes is the head of Birthright, the research charity of the Royal College of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians. Others hover round the fringes of Parliament hopeful for a crumb or two of indulgence and maybe a lucky break.



Colin Moynihan: Elf consultant

Rosie Barnes: Birthright head

Chris Patten: in Hong Kong



Sylvia Heal: brief tenure



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Robert Hayward: predicted loss



John Cartwright: police work



Hugo Summerson: sure he will return



Lynda Chalker: in the Lords

It has been painful. Hugo Summerson, once the triumphant winner of the Mills and Boon "Most romantic MP of the year award" freely admits that he cannot bear going back yet. John Maples no longer listens to the *Today* programme but to Radio 3 because he hates hearing the arguments. Even Robert Hayward finds himself screaming at Parliament on television, along he says, with fifteen million other people.

While they all enjoy the extra time they have, and most feel relieved that they are spared the "ridiculous working hours", the "pointless committees" or what one called the "fourth-form behaviour", nearly all agree the prize was worth the price. They miss being at the centre of things. They miss having their say. John Cartwright misses sitting on the front bench scrapping with Dennis Skinner. Rosie Barnes misses the ludicrous pageantry which she nevertheless loved. Baroness Chalker misses seeing her friends as often. The loss of the camaraderie in the House takes former MPs a long time to get over. They all said that.

The night of April 9, 1992 stays in their minds. Intellectually they accept that they should not take it personally, that they were victims of some greater scheme: but some find it easier than others to accept — or at least some are more willing to admit it.

John Maples concludes that what will happen, will happen. His canvass returns indicated that he would win. He listened to other MPs predicting their own survival confidently yet who ultimately floundered with him.

His conclusion a year on should be heeded by tightrope-walking parliamentarians everywhere. "You can't believe what other MPs say, you can't believe your canvass returns, you can't believe what people say on the doorsteps." No matter how great a democrat you may be, you have to keep on believing in yourself.

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HRT and the long view



A SURVEY has shown that even the advocacy of Teresa Gorman, the ever-useful Essex MP, who has done so much to publicise the benefits of hormone replacement therapy (HRT), has not prevented more than 50 per cent of menopausal women who start taking the treatment abandoning it within six months.

A review by Dr Elena Clarke in *General Practitioner* magazine, on the reasons why women give it up so soon, suggests that its long-term advantages, so evident to doctors who study the statistics, may not be appreciated by their patients. They have to put up with the immediate problems, particularly having periods in their fifties.

Dr Clarke suggests that although HRT alleviates the classic physical menopausal symptoms — hot flushes, night sweats and vaginal dryness — it does not always live up to a woman's expectations as a cure for middle-age blues. No tablets, for instance, can solve the loneliness once the children have left home.

Many women do feel better in themselves, and more cheerful, when having HRT but the fundamental benefits derived from it — the reduction in the likelihood of developing weak and brittle bones (osteoporosis) and cardiovascular disease — are not manifest for many years.

The greatest inconvenience of HRT, the persistence of periods, may soon be overcome. Already Livial (tibolone) is available; this is an artificial substance whose action mimics hormones. Livial should not be taken until at least 12 *months after the last period* but in post-menopausal women it effectively treats the problems of hot flushes, sweating and decreased libido. As when taking HRT, optimum results may not be obtained for three months. *General Practitioner* reports that trials are now under way of an oestrogen/progestogen tablet which can be taken continuously, thereby providing HRT without periods.

A new group of drugs can help patients live longer

Heart problems on the run

A generation of doctors have been happy about their treatment of heart failure, but their confidence now seems misplaced. Statistics have shown that unless we were able to treat the underlying cause of the heart strain our prescriptions merely kept the patients comfortable, we did not prolong their lives. This is now possible with the use of a new group of drugs, the ACE inhibitors, but rather surprisingly they have taken time to become established and even now fewer than 10 per cent of patients who need these drugs, which could add years to their lives and life to their final years, are receiving them.

A patient who came to the surgery complaining of increasing breathlessness on exercise, fatigue, and a general feeling of either weariness or heaviness in the limbs on exertion, was suspected *of having left ventricular heart failure*, a frightening, technical term often perhaps better and less worryingly known to patients as heart strain. If there is a finding of high blood pressure, a suspicious heart murmur suggestive of mitral or aortic valve disease, or a history of chest pain, then the diagnosis seems certain. Confirmatory tests regrettably are often omitted, but the standard treatment, Digoxin, steadies and slows the heart and the diuretic "water pills" prescribed with them drain the lungs of excess fluid so that patients feel better.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Other patients come to their doctors complaining of swollen ankles. One sight of the ankles spreading over the shoes, or of heavy indentations made by the socks into the flesh of the leg, and out come the diuretic pills again, and a diagnosis of right-sided heart failure. After a day or two's treatment the legs slim down, shoes fit again and the *patient is satisfied.*

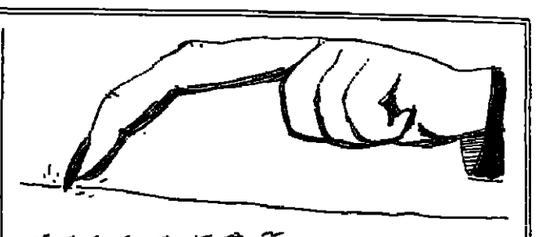
The cause of swollen legs may, and very often does, have nothing to do with heart failure but is caused by troubles with the veins of the leg, or even kidney or liver disease. However, such a hasty diagnosis without supporting tests may fail to uncover the underlying cause of the trouble.

One of the reasons why a casual approach to heart failure may have been adopted in the past was that the only really effective treatment was to deal with the basic cause and if this was not possible there was little a doctor could do to prolong life.

ACE inhibitors, it is now accepted, should be in the front line of the attack on heart failure. The indications for use of ACE inhibitors have recently been listed in *General Practitioner* magazine. They are, or should be, routinely prescribed, with standard doses of diuretics if need be, for patients with symptoms of heart failure, whether breathlessness, fatigue, or swollen limbs. They should also be given after a heart attack, provided that at least three days have elapsed since the patient experienced the last of the acute symptoms.

Care is needed when ACE inhibitors are first used because the blood pressure falls, particularly if the patient is on heavy doses of diuretics. Kidney function must be checked. Many doctors like *to see the initial care of a patient who is* to be treated with ACE inhibitors undertaken by specialists.

Professor Desmond Julian, medical director of the British Heart Foundation, is adamant that the old approach displayed by doctors to heart failure must end, and is in fact already changing: "A great deal can be done to help patients with heart failure however old they may be. At least an ECG, echocardiogram and a chest x-ray is needed to investigate the cause of the heart failure as often it can be put right."



Penalties of elegance

WOMEN with a sensitive skin should be careful of trying to achieve that neat, crisp look which women's magazines so often assures them can ease their path to the boardroom.

Formaldehyde is the basis of the chemical which is used by clothes manufacturers to keep fabrics wrinkle-proof and is also part of most nail varnishes. Both the neatly pressed suit and the varnish can cause contact eczema, also known as contact dermatitis — the two terms are interchangeable.

A report in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* found that 2 per cent of patients with an unexplained contact dermatitis were in fact sensitive to formaldehyde. This was comparatively easily diagnosed when found in factory workers who had been exposed to the chemical during manufacture of the garments, but it was more difficult to pinpoint the cause when it occurred in middle-aged or older patients *suffering from wearing formaldehyde-impregnated clothing.* The rash appeared on the body where the clothes fitted tightest.

A group of Swedish doctors have been studying the trouble caused by the formaldehyde in nail varnish. Many of the women who suffered were slow to realise it was the carefully painted nails they wore to the office which had caused a rash around the face, while eyelids were often affected as well as the hands. A surprising number of the 18 patients studied blamed the VDU they worked at rather than the scratching or rubbing of the face with varnished fingers. The *British Journal of Dermatology* reports that half of the 18 had had to have time off work, four had either lost or had given up their jobs because of the rash, and four had been admitted to hospital.

Aching for a cure to ulcers

Are patients being denied a treatment which could end their years of pain? **Jeremy Laurance** reports

For 33 years, oil company manager Kenneth Trott suffered chronic indigestion and pain caused by a duodenal ulcer. After a sleepless night in autumn 1991 he came down to watch breakfast television and saw an item about a new type of ulcer treatment. He wrote to his GP, who referred him to a consultant, and within a month he was cured.

On holiday in Kenya last Christmas, he decided to put himself to the test. "I ate and drank everything that came my way to see if I could provoke a recurrence. I had curries, nuts, pickled onions, red and white wine, strong black coffee — all the things you are not supposed to have and I had no gastritis at all. All these years doctors have told me the causes were stress, worry, sex, drink, getting overtired. But these never caused it, they aggravated it. That is the mistake they have been making all these years."

All over the world, doctors were reaching the same conclusion. Patients who had suffered grumbling ulcers for years experienced remarkable cures with the new treatment, a cocktail of drugs, including powerful antibiotics, taken for two weeks. The drugs knock out a bug, naturally present in the stomachs of up to half the population, called *Helicobacter Pylori*, which is believed to be crucial in the development of ulcers.

"None of the doctors I dealt with recommended the antibiotic treatment," Mr Trott said. "*The reason is that they are* very cautious."

Hard scientific evidence for the new treatment is lacking. There has been only one controlled clinical trial which demonstrated its success and that was over a period of only one year. Specialists remain locked in dispute over its value and in Britain nine out of ten of the estimated 250,000 ulcer sufferers are not receiving it.

Last month, at a news conference held by the British Society of Gastroenterology, Dr Kenneth McColl, a specialist at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, blamed "prescribing inertia" among GPs and consultants for the failure to switch to the new treatment. Patients were being wrongly treated with expensive ulcer-inhibiting drugs such as Zantac, the biggest selling drug in the world, which heal ulcers successfully but cannot prevent them recurring.

Treatment with Zantac or a similar drug costs £30 to £60 for an average course of one to two months but most patients require repeated treatments. Treatment with the antibiotic cocktail costs £20 and a single course is usually sufficient. Almost £300 million was spent on ulcer-inhibiting drugs in Britain in 1991, and worldwide the bill is $5 billion (£3.3 billion).

STEPHEN MARKESON



Painful memories: Kenneth Trott suffered for 33 years until he tried the new drug treatment

'I am very upset at being told that I give the wrong treatment'

However, Dr McColl's remarks, which were widely reported, met with indignation from another ulcer specialist. Dr Kenneth Wormsley, a consultant at Dundee University whose ongoing study of 500 ulcer patients over ten years is one of the largest in the world, said they were "not only mischievous but positively defamatory", and threatened to report Dr McColl to the General Medical Council.

He said there was no evidence of a link with *Helicobacter Pylori*. "Our current treatment [with the ulcer inhibiting drugs] is absolutely magical and my patients are fit and well. I am very upset at being told that I am giving the wrong treatment and making my patients suffer unnecessarily. It is really quite disgraceful to jump onto second-hand bandwagons and it has produced very unsatisfactory reactions among my patients."

The secret of keeping ulcers under control is to take the ulcer-inhibiting drugs such as Zantac continuously, Dr Wormsley said. He felt so strongly that he wrote to complain to the president of the British Society of Gastroenterology, Professor Michael Hobsley, a specialist at University College hospital, London. Professor Hobsley agreed that the case for the antibiotic cocktail remains to be proved. "*There is only one hard trial* which clearly demonstrates that the ulcer doesn't come back and that is only over one year," he said. Treatment with the cocktail could be very unpleasant, causing diarrhoea and other symptoms, he added.

Out of the boardroom

☐ PEPTIC ulcers have lost their reputation as the hallmark of a successful career. Although still a major cause of ill-health and expense to the NHS, the number of cases seen is falling and ulcers are more likely to be found in a manual worker than in an ambitious *executive.*

Even 40 years ago statistics showed that duodenal ulcers were more prevalent in Scotland than in London, although doctors were still prepared to attribute the number of cases to the hustle and bustle of the urban rat race. Their views were not new. Robert Louis Stevenson once said that he who sows hurry reaps indigestion. Notwithstanding Stevenson's opinion, and a century that has become progressively more stressful, the number of people who have duodenal ulcers has been falling for 30 years. Doctors do not know why.

Just as peptic ulceration — the term includes both duodenal (intestinal) and gastric (stomach) attacks — becomes less of a problem, so has its treatment improved. Drugs such as Zantac are so effective that doctors are now very apt to attend to the symptoms without trying to eradicate the cause of the hyperacidity associated with ulceration.

Since the original research by Professor Colm O'Morain in Dublin in 1987, other studies have confirmed that ulceration is related to the presence of the bacterium *Helicobacter Pylori*, which is commonly found in the stomachs of people, many of whom remain symptom free. It is estimated that at the age of 20, a fifth of people in *the United Kingdom have the bacterium* in the stomach, and that by the age of 50, half of the population has acquired the organism.

Ninety per cent of the patients who suffer from duodenal and gastric ulceration, and 70 per cent of those with gastric ulcers, have a gastritis related to the bacteria.

At the recent meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology doctors were urged to prescribe a three-week course of the antibiotics metronidazole, tetracycline and the bismuth salt De Nol, or a course, usually of two weeks, of Losec and amoxycillan to eradicate the bug, at least for a time. This would enable the patient to be free of both the pain of ulceration and the need to continue to take daily drugs in order to stay free of symptoms.

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Laughing gas? I nearly died

How private dentistry can leave a cavity in your wallet

DENTISTS have always had a nice line in euphemism, from the infamous "This isn't going to hurt," to, "Just the tiniest pinprick now." I knew straight away, therefore, that there was pretty serious trouble brewing when my dentist informed me in writing that his relations with the National Health Service had "been strained".

Too right. A few lines lower, there it was: evidence not so much of a strain as a rupture. And, as always, the pain would all be on my side. It served me right, I suppose. I had not been to the dentist for substantially longer than the recommended six-month check-up date. I suspected I might be due for not so much a routine service as a major overhaul.

On the face of it, nothing had changed. The receptionist was still on the phone when I arrived, as she had been when I left a couple of years earlier; the big teddy still sat grinning inanely in the hygienist's room. But there was one important difference: from now on, extraction would involve the entire contents of my wallet.

I was introduced to the IDPA. This turns out to be the Independent Dental Practitioners' Association, which aims to ensure that "patients stay healthy, look good and feel good", which would sound admirably philanthropic did its name not rather suggest a very cradle of restrictive practices.

On closer examination of their propaganda, I discovered that what was on offer was "appointments at times to suit most schedules" and a brave promise in emergencies to "try to provide treatment on the same day", albeit with the worrying rider: "Please ring early to avoid disappointment."

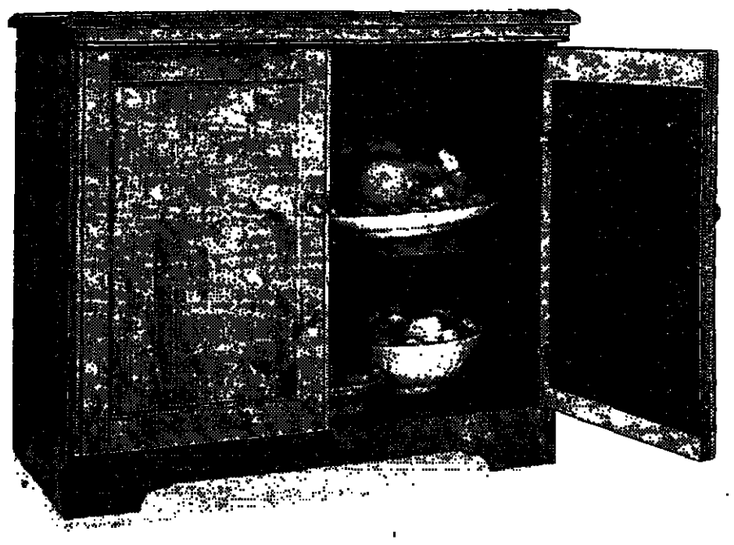
The IDPA also offers "exciting techniques" to "restore your mouth to its original condition". I have doubts about what that might be. But I was more worried by the possible double meanings behind the promise of "no compromise" and, worst of all, "a detailed written estimate". Experience suggested uncomfortable parallels. Whenever a garage offers an estimate it always sounds a lot more reasonable than the final bill ever seems to be. I am not sure what the dental equivalent of a few new spark plugs and an oil change may be, except that I am sure I will soon find out.

The initial examination — which, as feared, recommended drilling a hole in my credit-card account — lasted less than 15 minutes. Immediately afterwards, signed up without the option, I was requested to fork out £10. At the time, it seemed a pretty good rate of pay. But then I made a quick calculation and discovered my garage analogy was more apt than I realised: £40 an hour was exactly the rate charged by the mechanics.

What was more important to me? My car or my teeth? If only I could have joined some sort of oral AA or RAC, I need never have worried about emergency treatment again. But wait a minute: isn't that what the NHS was supposed to be?

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■ English words for enjoyment are one of life's little pleasures

Economists are our modern astrologers. Like the old star-prophets, they camouflage their platitudes in pompous jargon, and always have a plausible-sounding excuse to fall back on when their predictions are proved wrong. The best economists should have a bit of style outside their dismal trade, like Maynard Keynes, rather than malfunctioning like desiccated calculating machines.

Thomas Gresham was a stylish economist, a combination of Pierpont Morgan and Keynes of the 16th century, good at making money and giving presents and parties as well as doing sums. He was imaginative in presents to his Queen Elizabeth, sending her from Antwerp such things as "rollers for her headpieces of silke". When she visited him at the Royal Exchange, he imitated Cleopatra's luxury, and drank her health in a cup of wine in which a precious stone worth £15,000 had been crushed to atoms. In the long run, because it made the Queen like his style and advance his career, this was an economical extravagance that paid off handsomely. I bet the Treasury's seven wise astrologers rise to nothing more stylish than Chardonnay and sandwiches.

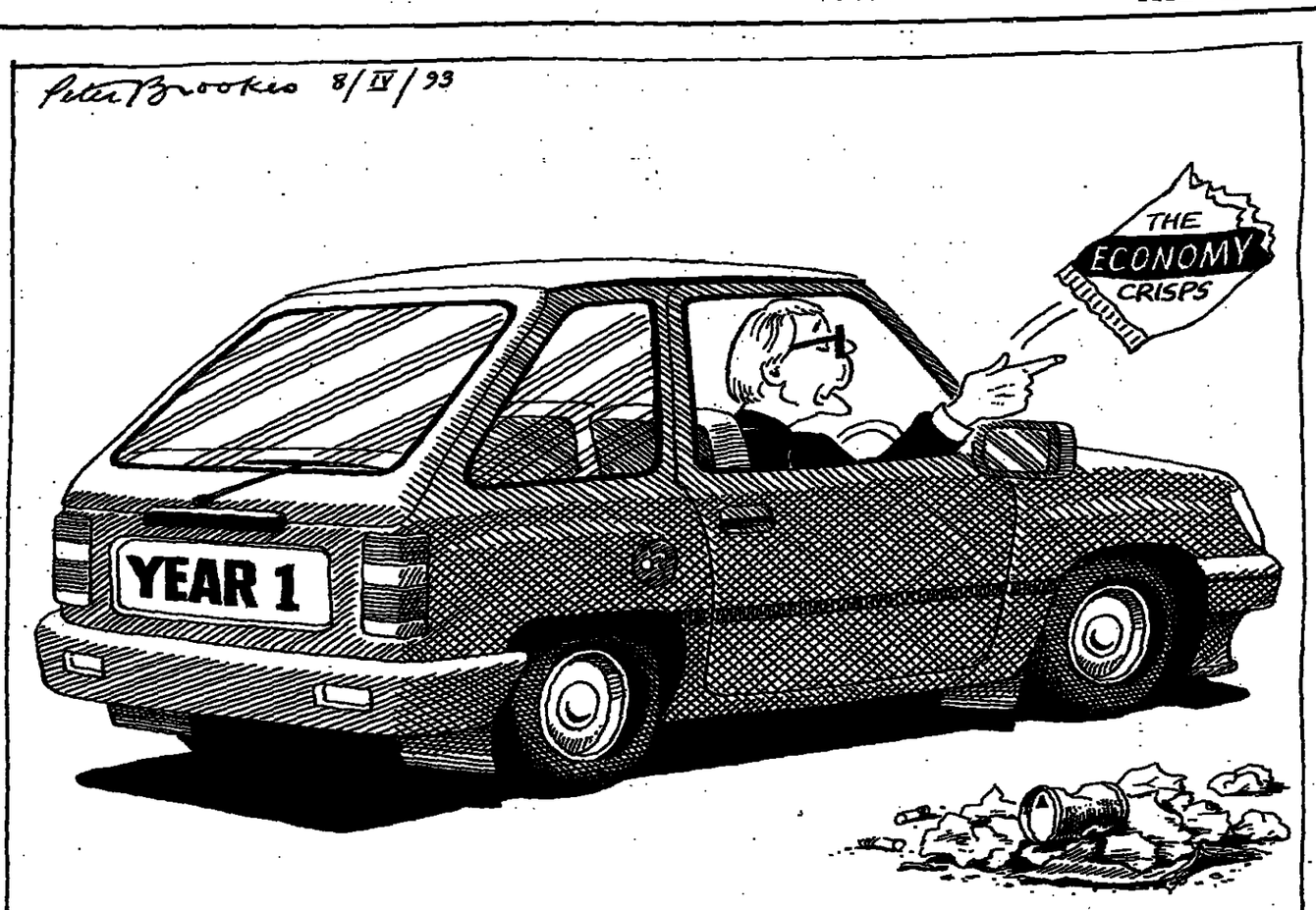
Gresham is most famous for his Law, which can be summarised as saying that bad money drives out good. This is one economists' platitude that actually works. And it works for things other than money, such as words. Ceaseless use continually erodes meanings, and bad and careless use gradually drives out precise meaning. So the currency of language has continually to be recoined to replace the coinage that has been clipped by common use. Bad coinage drives out good, particularly in our value words, because of our tendency to exaggerate and flatter. English is not rich in words for pleasure at the best of times. And we have managed to devalue most of our words for the elusive state.

Pleasure itself, derived irregularly from the Latin *placēre* to please, and oddly related to *placid*, used to be a much stronger word. When the Duke of Marlborough, returning from campaign, pleasured his Duchess without removing his riding boots, that was the old-fashioned pleasure, undiluted by modern euphemism and advertising slogans. Our modern pleasure-trips and pleasure grounds and "request the pleasure of your company" are pale clippings of the original coinage. "A pleasure, Lady Agatha," is a modern catchphrase, camping up Oscar Wildeish drawing-room comedies. The phrase is actually used in *Private Lives*. Amanda: "Do you mind if I come round and kiss you?" Elyot: "A pleasure, Lady Agatha." Noel Coward was using an ironic phrase that was already popular.

A pleasure-trip these days is nothing more exciting than a coach trip in the rain through picturesque scenery, with an amusing guide, if you are lucky. But an amusement arcade is a collection of dismal slot-machines and unfathomable computer games at the seaside. We English take our pleasures grimly, and do not deploy our pleasure vocabulary as vigorously as the French with their *joie*. "Joy" is a bit strong, for the English, as both word and emotion.

It's all right to have a good time. That is one of the most important messages of enlightenment. It is just difficult to persuade the English of this. The American injunction "Have a nice day" has spread over here, further debasing the word *nice*, which has had a more tangled history than most value words. Having started its career in English seven centuries ago to mean foolish and silly, it changed its meaning at least twice a century from then on, bad coinage constantly driving out the good. It even split early on, with a meaning when applied to women as no better than they should be, fast and lascivious, and when applied to gents meaning pernickety and minutely accurate.

This latter meaning, flattering to males, is preserved in the noun, *nicety*. Later it declined, to become the most vacuous of pleasure words, as in "Have a nice day, then." There are intimations that the chameleon word is on the turn again, with ironic meanings that are not nice at all, as in "Well, you're a nice friend of his, I must say." We need a Thomas Gresham of language to set up a Royal Exchange of words. It would never work. Words are more slippery than coins.



Watch China blossom

Britain has no deep conflict of interest with China, and should benefit from the massive economic expansion just starting

William Rees-Mogg

One of the most spectacular contrasts of the modern world is the rise of China and the decline of Russia. Both went through a similar communist experience, Russia from the end of the first world war, China from the end of the second. Both lost faith in communist doctrine in the 1970s and 1980s. When I visited China for *The Times* in 1977, the change of mood was already apparent. The Chinese saw that it had been a mistake to follow the Russian model, and that Japan had been right to follow the American.

The two great communist powers chose different paths out of Marxism. Russia dismantled the political apparatus, but left much of the economic system in place. Even now there is no free market for most of the Russian economy. China has progressively dismantled the economic apparatus, but has kept the political power structure in place.

With good fortune, the end results could be much the same. The optimistic view is that Russia, with great mineral resources and a relatively well-educated population, will start to grow again economically in the late 1990s. If President Yeltsin succeeds, the next century could see a Russian economic miracle, as the beginning of this century did. Equally, the economic growth of China will produce a substantial Chinese middle class, which will shape the future of Chinese politics, perhaps along the lines of Singapore. By 2025 the Russian economy and the Chinese constitution may both have been reformed.

It is important to think in terms of 2025, because that can give British policy a sense of direction. We should be moving towards a strong commercial and political relationship both with Russia and China. They will be among the great powers of the next century, and should have little or no conflict of interest with us. By the middle of the next century, China could be the greatest of the world powers, if its political problems can be resolved. The difficulty is to relate successfully to a society in such rapid change.

We should be impressed by the example of Tibet, and of the Dalai Lama in particular. Tibet is at the opposite end of the scale to Hong Kong. The Tibetans have one of the lowest per capita incomes in the world, only about $80 a year. The people of Hong Kong have among the highest incomes in Asia. The Tibetans have been under direct Chinese control since the 1950s; Hong Kong, whatever is now done, will come under direct Chinese rule in 1997. Tibet is the supreme example of a Buddhist spiritual society in Asia; Hong Kong is the supreme example of a capitalist society.

What has happened in Tibet is a cultural tragedy, a failure of Chinese policy which cannot be condoned. Yet the attitude of the Dalai Lama towards China is deeply compassionate. He saw Mao as a man obsessed with illusion: the failure of Maoism he regarded as inevitable because it was based on false objectives. He has encouraged the Tibetan people to make a pacific response to Chinese power. As the Chinese themselves suffered from the Cultural Revolution, they will no doubt come to see that the war on ancient cultures was a characteristic Marxist mistake, from which both China and Tibet have suffered. Buddhist patience has almost certainly saved more of Tibetan culture than would have survived a head-on conflict with Chinese power.

To China, Hong Kong presents a much more difficult political and social problem. The culture of China is not about to be revolutionised by Buddhism — the influence of Buddhism is probably growing more rapidly in Los Angeles than it is in Peking. The culture of China is being invaded by capitalism. There are six million people of ethnic Chinese descent living in Hong Kong. That is only one in 200 of the Chinese population, but it is a strong potential reinforcement for the tens of millions of Chinese in Shanghai, South China and elsewhere whose living standards are already rising rapidly through capitalist investment and enterprise.

China is going through what in the old Marxist terms would be described as a bourgeois capitalist revolution. Any competent Marxist historian would regard the bourgeois addition from Hong Kong, and its ideological impact, as far more potent at present than the five million pastoral Buddhists of Tibet.

The Chinese leaders must be well aware that their society is changing, and realise that social change always produces political change. The main aim of the Chinese leaders is to control the pace of that political change. Like all politicians, they want to retain their own power. They fear — not unreasonably — that loss of political order could destroy the economic and social progress China is now making. Americans fear slump; Russians fear invasion, Germans fear inflation, Japanese fear nuclear bombs and the Chinese fear anarchy. Each nation has a historic anxiety about not repeating its own painful experiences.

One of the weaknesses of Marxism-Leninism is that it has no way to transfer legitimate authority. Monarchy transfers authority by heredity; the Emperor of Japan is descended from the Sun-Goddess, the Queen of England is descended from the Empress Sophia, as laid down by the Act of Settlement. Democracy transfers legitimacy by election. But there is no agreed constitutional procedure for transferring legitimate authority in communist systems. In effect all communist leaders have to create their own authority.

This makes the Chinese fear of anarchy all the more understandable. Chinese economic growth may reach a climax, at which the new class will demand political rights when the old class is weakened by internal divisions and lack of an agreed leader. This is why Deng Xiaoping — who is a great man — is still in effective power despite his advanced years and ill health. Inevitably, the Marxist problem of authority, the history of anarchy and the fear of social change running out of control make the Chinese government exceptionally difficult to deal with.

How then should Britain approach this problem of China, which is so important to us, important for Hong Kong, important for trade? We should start in the spirit of two major Chinese traditions, the Confucian and the Buddhist. Confucius stressed the need for order, authority and moderation. These ideas have been more influential than any others in providing the Chinese with a social ideal.

The second powerful tradition is Buddhism; no one knows how many practising Buddhists there are in China, but wherever Buddhism has been it leaves a certain afterglow. In particular, Buddhism, like Christianity, teaches people to have compassion for all who share the illusions and problems of humanity, even if they are enemies.

Britain should also have a very healthy commercial appetite. What is already happening in China is the biggest economic development in world history. Seen from China, the 1990s are a period of unparalleled boom. Unless it is stopped by a political catastrophe, this boom will take more than a billion people from an average production per head of about $300 in 1990 to about $10,000 in the next 50 years — a creation of income of up to $10,000 billion a year. If Britain cannot sell into that market, it cannot trade at all.

That leaves the question of Hong Kong. Britain is not in a position to guarantee the constitutional position of Hong Kong after 1997. That will be decided by Chinese influences and events. I suspect that Hong Kong will be less separate than was envisaged in the early 1980s, because its economy will be swept up into the great China boom of the 21st century. The people of Hong Kong and South China will be competing with other Chinese centres of wealth and trade, particularly with Shanghai. They will come to participate, more of them willingly than unwillingly, in the torrent of economic, social and political change in China. That change will owe most to the boom, something to Confucius, a little to residual Marxism, and not much to Erskine May. China's future is not in our hands.

What the British should certainly do — for our own sakes — is to expand the provisions for Hong Kong passport holders to come here if they want to. Every Hong Kong citizen who settles in Britain is a link to the biggest developing market in the history of the world. They are more hard-working than we are, often better educated, and those who come will mostly have some capital. Far from there being a danger that Britain will attract too many Hong Kong immigrants, the danger is that we shall attract too few.

Nanny's security blanket

Children and agencies don't mix, says **Barbara Amiel**

The government's new Child Support Agency is up and running — and thinking big. The agency is training 4,500 employees and aiming at a caseload of three million assessments a year. It will regulate maintenance payments for every child whose natural or adoptive parents are not living together. There may also be children whose fathers don't know they fathered them because the mother doesn't know who the father is — though she will have to come up with a name if she is on benefit, or payments will be reduced. The CSA has a formula for that.

Indeed, the CSA has a formula for absolutely every situation. When it comes to naked ambition, this agency does not bother with modesty. Ultimately, even those cases where there are existing maintenance arrangements, agreed with court approval long before the CSA was a gleam in this government's eye, will fall under the ambit of the CSA — and that includes parents who don't take a penny in benefits from the taxpayer. The notion that individuals might enter into private inviolate agreements will have no standing.

This is retrospective legislation which offends basic principles held dear till recently in this country. In case you are an absent parent yourself — i.e. the parent who doesn't have custody of the children — and have been faithfully paying your child maintenance without trouble for years, be forewarned. The CSA's "Notes for Advisers" explains that your case will come up according to the first letter of your surname: from April 8, 1996 A-D; those fortunate enough to loiter under S-Z won't come under observation till January 6, 1997.

Maintenance cases are being removed from the courts because court awards are "discretionary" and vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. The CSA has lots of forms telling how to compute the percentage of income that absent parents will pay. The commonsense observation that human affairs cannot be reduced to formulas in this mechanistic way and that no formula can be devised that takes every equity and inequity into account is overlooked. In fact, probably the only way maintenance can be arranged is to have broad legal principles and let the law courts decide what is equitable within specific circumstances.

There is little joy in finding matters are worse than feared but one can't help feeling that this new agency is the ultimate statist dream: a world where bureaucrats substitute their judgments for that of everyone concerned, including the parties themselves, the courts, equity and if necessary the Pope. Intriguingly, the head of the new agency, Ros Hepplewhite, seems very proud of this. "One of the big misconceptions I am fighting is that the agency is engaging in some moral crusuade to punish feckless fathers or punish irresponsible behaviour," she told *The Guardian*. "In fact the agency makes no moral judgment whatsoever. Many fathers who have been entirely responsible in paying maintenance under existing arrangements will find their bills are significantly increased; many so-called feckless fathers, who perhaps have repartnered or have low incomes will not have to pay maintenance at all."

Mrs Hepplewhite is taking liberties when she says this is a demonstration of her agency making no moral judgments. She would be laughed out of first-year philosophy for such a statement. Indeed, the CSA attributes such high moral value to "no moral judgment" that they use it to justify what they state would be an unfair outcome.

He who pays the piper calls the tune. If the CSA covered only those single parents who took income benefits from the state, we could at least understand how all this happened. Even so, only two reasons for its existence would suffice: first, if it saved the taxpayer money and second if it solved the problem of poverty among single-parent families. A scheme in Australia has saved some money but not a significant amount, and their scheme is not retrospective. In Canada, a scheme in Ontario was disastrous: the cost of tracking down fathers and assessing support payments was more than double the monies it brought in .

That there are victims in our society, including those born to irresponsible parents, cannot be denied. But the solution should not be part of the problem. In Britain, we now have the largest number of single parent families in Europe outside Scandanavia. Changing attitudes obviously contribute to this, but so do tax and benefit structures which penalise marriage, especially those with non-working mothers.

Our Chancellor has frozen the married couples' allowance while the benefits for a single mother make her marginally better off financially than an employed father of two in a low-paying job. A single mother can also get help on the side from a boyfriend which is far more valuable than if they married. For example, the new council tax gives a 25 per cent discount to any single adult. This puts a married couple in the bizarre situation of being plunged into poverty by the council tax and then having to apply for a rebate. Now we have the spectacle of the government setting up an agency to sue absent fathers even while deterring them from marrying in the first place. One feels they and the CSA will not be happy until they have turned the entire country into a vast Dickensian orphanage with up-to-date, computerised bureaucrats running it.

A Patten for all schools?

LAST MINUTE olive branches or not, tests for seven-year-olds will have to go ahead at the Westminster primary school attended by Mary-Claire Patten, the education secretary's six-year-old daughter.

Patten has never hesitated to emphasise that he is one of the few Tory education secretaries to have sent his child to a state school. So it would deeply embarrass him if teachers at St Vincent de Paul primary school join the expected boycott of the tests which his daughter is due to sit this summer.

Most of the staff at the school, which is in the same grounds as Westminster Cathedral, are members of the NUT, which votes on Saturday whether or not to take part in the boycott. Two teachers are in the NAS/UWT, which has already decided to have nothing to do with the tests.

Eileen Weller, the headmistress, is not convinced her NUT members would heed a strike call. "They have put an awful lot of work into the tests."

But if they do? "We have contingency plans. I and the governors will ensure that the tests take place," she says.

Which would be even more embarrassing for Patten. The chairman of the governors is Catalina Garel-Jones, wife of Tristan, the Foreign Office minister.

● *Luciano Pavarotti is recuperating in Modena from a knee operation which, one suspects, might have taken place months ago were it not for his formidable bulk. Anaesthetists are said to have been appalled at the idea of operating when first approached by the great tenor, and to have insisted that he lose weight. The result of his subsequent diet was, as even his fans acknowledge, a slimmer, fitter but less tuneful Pavarotti. With the other knee still to repair, it ain't over till the fat man sings. Again.*

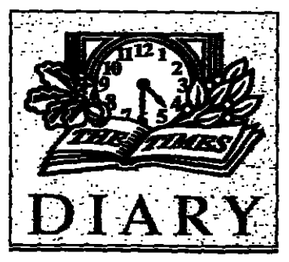
Sow's ears

ONE member of the legal profession casting a far from fond eye over today's list of new silks is Lord Hailsham, the former Lord Chancellor. The selection process is an ordeal he is delighted now lies behind him.

"It caused me more trouble than almost anything else I did as Lord Chancellor," he says. "We had to consult everyone, and it was terribly difficult to find the right person for the right place. If there was a vacancy in the north for a criminal chap, you couldn't put in a London patent lawyer."

But he warns that a QC's life is not all it is cracked up to be. "The fees you have to charge are so high that there can be only two reasons for taking silk. One, that the amount of work you are doing as a junior is affecting your health; or two, it's affecting your marriage."

● *Possibly the toughest job in broadcasting. The BBC has drawn up a shortlist to fill a post created in the wake of the John Birt affair. The brief, as head of public affairs, is to improve relations with the Palace of Westminster and, presumably, the Inland Revenue.*



News permitting

YOU would think it would have to be something pretty important to cause a rift between Radio 4 heavyweights Nick Clarke and Peter Hobday. The merits of rolling news, the future of long wave, the identity of Armando Iannucci — something like that. But no. The presenters of *Any Questions?* and *Today* have fallen out over residents' parking permits.

Both men live in north Kensington, which is the only area of Kensington and Chelsea not yet to have residents' parking permits. Clarke has started his own pressure group — RAPP (Residents Against Parking Permits) — and claims to have the support of 80 per cent of his neighbours. Hobday, who is currently parked abroad, is not one of them.

Clarke says: "I tried to recruit him, but he and his wife gave us very short shrift. They said they could not wait to get permits. Now we glare at each other across the road. We have stopped speaking to each other."



Back in favour

AFTER being consigned to the international wilderness in the aftermath of the Gulf war for not condemning Iraq, King Husain of Jordan is firmly back in favour in Britain. The King, accompanied by Queen Noor, takes the Sovereign's salute at the passing out parade at Sandhurst this morning.

Being a Sandhurst old boy, the Harrow-educated king jumped at the chance to perform the honours, which came at the personal invitation of the Queen. The decision to invite Husain, which will have been made after consultation with Downing Street, is being interpreted in diplomatic circles as another sign that the government has kissed and made up with the still influential monarch.

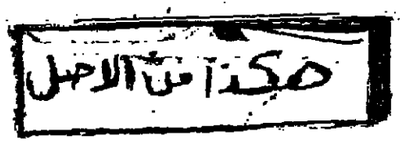
Sir Anthony Parsons, a former adviser to Margaret Thatcher and ambassador to both Iran and the United Nations, says the invitation is appropriate. "King Husain and his family have been great friends of this country since the 1920s. His attitude throughout the Gulf war was designed to ensure his survival. I am afraid the West showed a remarkable lack of understanding at the time. Bygones must be bygones."

Sting like a bee

PUBLISHING used to be such a gentle profession. No longer. No sooner had Random House finished celebrating the defection of Orion's marketing director, Caroline Michel, than Orion struck back, snatching Random's Dallas Manderson to take over as sales director. He is already at work.

The lever behind Manderson's move is Anthony Cheetham, who ran Random House before starting Orion two years ago. He "hopes they feel better now they have got one of ours. It was a great disappointment to lose Caroline, but she is a lovely butterfly who alights only fleetingly on her blooms."

Nevertheless Cheetham is clearly stung. In July Orion plans to advertise the latest paperback by Maeve Binchy — who was lured from Random House two years ago — with a poster right outside the opposition's Vauxhall offices.



YEAR OF DENTED DREAMS

Last April's electoral triumph seems a lifetime ago

Speaking outside 10 Downing Street a year ago this Saturday, John Major glowed with the satisfaction of winning, against the odds, his own mandate from the British people. In return for their unexpected support in the general election, he promised an imminent resumption of growth, better education and training, more home and share ownership, a "cascade of wealth" between generations and a classless society. A year on, events — the bane of a politician's life — have dented Mr Major's dreams. The nation is swamped by gloom, economic prospects are bleak, taxes are due to rise, unemployment is unacceptably high and the prime minister's own position looks less than secure.

Mr Major is at least partly to blame. Exhausted by the election campaign and surprised by their victory, he and his ministers spent most of last summer recuperating. Few new ideas and little energy emanated from Whitehall. Parliament adjourned early and ministers retired with relief to sunbaked Spain and Italy, little suspecting that their peace would soon be brutally shattered.

The crisis, when it came, could have been averted. Instead it was ministers' eyes that were almost wilfully averted to the dangers. While some observers, including this newspaper, were counselling devaluation, Mr Major was boasting to another newspaper that sterling could even replace the mark as the anchor of the ERM.

Nemesis swiftly, and perhaps inevitably, followed hubris. Ministers were quite unprepared for the sterling crisis. Interest rates were raised by five points in one day, and up to £5 billion was wasted in a vain attempt to support the pound. Britain experienced a national humiliation and resentment against the government quickly surfaced.

Mr Major can perhaps be excused for failing to appreciate the power of an equinoctial tide of speculation against one currency. But he had been warned for months that the overvalued sterling rate was doing critical damage to the economy. He stubbornly refused to devalue, treating the matter as one of absolute principle. Then, after the abandonment of what had been almost a personal crusade, he showed no signs of contrition. He compounded the political error by allowing his friend, Norman Lamont, to remain Chancellor.

There began a period of incompetence in government unmatched in recent political history. Ministers now admit that they governed from day to day at best. Cabinet became purely reactive and the prime minister lost his political touch. He allowed Michael Heseltine's plans for pit closures to be announced before he had tested the temperature of his party — or the public. What followed was an explosive rebellion which ministers, weakened by the sterling crisis, were quite unable to resist. Rarely has a prime minister looked so unnerved.

After the reversal on pit closures came the Matrix Churchill affair, which served to taint the new government's residual reputation for straightforwardness and honesty. Having been tripped up by all these "events", and with his footing no more secure, Mr Major then embarked on an even more perilous political venture, steering the Maastricht bill through Parliament.

Conservative Euro-rebels discovered the joys of a 21-seat majority. Again Mr Major compounded his political difficulties, this time by holding a paving debate on Maastricht, which he won only in the most demeaning fashion. He was forced to beg and plead for support and to make last-minute concessions on the floor of the House. He almost lost his job.

Consideration of the bill since then has been led by a government weakened by having to rely on opposition votes, in an atmosphere soured by bullying and underhand tactics. Mr Major still refuses to hold a referendum despite his promise on the steps of Downing Street a year ago that he "would take into account the views of all the people of this country when we frame legislation", and despite the clear tactical benefits for his party. Ratification will probably go ahead nonetheless, but the prime minister cannot bank on it.

At this point in the economic cycle, it is hard to predict how much of Mr Major's loss of authority is redeemable. He may emerge, a couple of years hence, as the man who kept his head while all around were losing theirs, a prime minister presiding over a resumption of growth, facing a still divided opposition. This past year's humiliations may be written off as bad luck. Mr Major's natural decency and affability may serve to reunite his party and cabinet. At the next election, he can rely on some extra parliamentary seats from the Boundary Commission.

On the other hand, he could turn out to be permanently scarred by his ordeals. Authority, once lost, is not easily regained, as many a teacher discovers in front of a disorderly class. By-election defeats could shrink his already small majority. His natural enemies in the party will not stop sniping at him if and when Maastricht is ratified.

Whatever Margaret Thatcher's faults, she never lost authority over her party and cabinet, even at the height of her unpopularity. This was due partly to force of personality, partly to force of conviction. Mr Major does have strong beliefs, but he has yet to imbue his party with them in the way that Baroness Thatcher managed to do.

They are attractive ideals. This prime minister does not despise everything that emanates from the public sector, but wants to reform these institutions in a way that would never have occurred to his predecessor. He wants them to be servants of the public rather than instruments of government. This ties in with his aspiration to make Britain less class-ridden, because those who rely on public services can maintain their dignity only if they are not treated shoddily. But the citizen's charter, if it is to work, will not be costless. Mr Major will be boxed in by the serious financial constraints caused by the unnecessarily prolonged recession. An already restless party will not be assuaged by being forced to defend the next few years' inevitable cuts in public spending.

The prime minister is also hampered by a loss of confidence. His political touch has become unsure, an insecurity exacerbated by poor advice from those around him. Like every prime minister, he needs a wise owl to caution him against ill-considered actions and outbursts. He could also do with an adviser who has a little more street wisdom than is currently on offer in Downing Street.

The chances of his healing his party's wounds should improve with the appointment of Dominic Morris, a specialist on Europe, to the Downing Street policy unit. If Maastricht goes through, the prime minister will need to turn his attention to mollifying the Euro-rebels. They must be persuaded that Britain's interests will be better represented in the run-up to the intergovernmental conference of 1996 than they were in the years preceding Maastricht.

As well as resumed growth, Mr Major needs more of "the vision thing" if he is to regain the trust of his party and the country. The citizen's charter can be turned into a genuine Conservative doctrine for the 1990s. The prime minister can lead a crusade to mould the future shape of Europe into one that suits Britain. He has the great political luck of not possessing an obvious successor. But, like all Conservative leaders, he holds his job only on sufferance. The party may not tolerate another horrible year.

CHAINED TO THE CALENDAR

The system of public holidays needs to be far more flexible

The grim season of gridlock and unanswered telephones has arrived. Yesterday the nation's managers and workers began their languid wind-down before the long Easter weekend, downing tools and deserting keyboards in the expectation that their customers would follow suit and take to the motorways with their families. Influenced no doubt by last Saturday's Grand National farce, Britain was off to yet another false start, two days before the Good Friday flag was due to unfurl.

The strange rituals of bank holiday weekends are deeply rooted, an archaic legacy of the essential idleness of the medieval English fused with the herd mentality of the industrial age. In the early 19th Century the Bank of England closed on no fewer than 40 holy days and anniversaries. But the total was drastically reduced in the Bank Holidays Acts of 1871 and 1875 and today the British worker can look forward to only eight such holidays a year, compared to 18 in Japan, 17 in Hong Kong and 13 in Germany.

The problem with bank holidays is not that there are too many of them but that they spread their flabby influence into ordinary working time. This year, the four-day Easter break seems in some minds to have become an Easter week. If the rail unions strike the following Friday, many people will happily work a three-day week, while the truly indolent will be tempted to *faire le pont* — bridge the gap — between Easter Monday and the following weekend. The business world has its own ecology of interpendence, which yesterday was already breaking down as the first few links in the chain broke free. For the consumer with an exploded water pipe or an urgent business enquiry, April could indeed be the cruellest month.

Every civilisation needs its festivals and periods of recuperation. Like Thanksgiving in America, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Good Friday have retained a popular significance in Britain which has far more to with familial habit than religious practice. Little would be achieved by unsettling such traditional gatherings and toppling yet another pillar of family life. There might also be a case for the October holiday proposed by Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, to replace the redundant socialist celebration of May Day — especially if she was able to persuade the Foreign Office to drop its opposition to the name Trafalgar Day.

But there is no reason why all such rest periods should fall on a fixed date. A long weekend is surely more pleasurable when it is individually chosen rather than dictated by the calendar. A holiday spent in a traffic jam is no holiday at all. Just as shoppers should be allowed to shop seven days a week, so the system of public holidays needs to be made far more flexible.

Under a more enlightened system, employees could retain the entitlement to eight public holidays but choose when to take four of them. Companies would be obliged to respect that right but would be able as a result of the new system to keep the production lines open for longer stretches. The burden on the economy and roads would be spread more evenly. Britain would not grind to a halt quite so often; and Spring might, for once, live up to its name.

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Testing time for school pupils

From Mrs Gill Hannam

Sir, We have been increasingly concerned about the Standard Attainment Tasks, which our 14-year-old son is due to sit in June. Whilst some form of assessment of attainment is an admirable goal on the part of the government, it would appear that in their current form, the SATs test not the general ability of pupils, but rather their ability to complete an ever-increasing range of tasks set specifically for the tests, which seems to defeat the object of assessing the level of attainment reached by pupils in the course of their general education.

Some of the tasks set have also been unrealistic, as in the case of several information technology projects which have had to be completed within a very strict timescale. At our son's school these could only be done by pupils working through their lunch hours or after school.

We were recently told that, for two reasons, our son and his peers would not necessarily be entered for the higher attainment level in each subject, even if they were thought capable of achieving this grade. First, if a pupil is entered for the higher attainment level, and fails to reach the required standard, he is considered to have failed (even if he achieves sufficiently good results to have passed the intermediate attainment level). Thus in the published results for that school the pupil's achievement in that subject would be shown as a failure.

If the same pupil were entered for the intermediate (or lower) level of attainment in the same subject, he would be bound to achieve a pass grade, which is obviously preferable in the school's published results. Secondly, with pupils being put under a considerable amount of pressure over the next two years to achieve good results in their GCSEs, it was thought unnecessary to place them under additional strain this year by pressing them to achieve the higher grades in the SATs, when they could fairly easily achieve the intermediate levels.

Perhaps this line of thought may go some way to explaining why so many pupils are considered unable to achieve sufficiently high results in the SATs — it is not necessarily the case that the pupils are unable to achieve the results, but more that schools are afraid of the badge of failure should pupils not achieve the level for which they are entered in the tests, or that they regard the extra pressure to attain the higher level as unnecessary at this stage of their education.

Yours faithfully,
GILL HANNAM,
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April 5.

From Charlotte Bray and Eleanor Lowden

Sir, We read the debate on the national curriculum tests for seven, 11 and 14-year-olds with interest. We noticed that one element seems to have been forgotten: the children taking them.

We spend our so-called holidays and weekends working for them and worrying about them, and now we see that this year ours will probably just be forgotten. We feel that nobody is concerned about our views and is not thinking about us, the ones who have the work to do.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLOTTE BRAY
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From Mr Paul Roots

Sir, The suggestion (report, April 5) that the government might change the law to overcome teachers' resistance to testing, suggests that it has learnt little about employee relations in the years since it came to power.

Most industrialists have learnt the limitations of "macho management" and the advantages of employee involvement. In particular they now understand that building a quality product requires a recognition that no one knows more about a job than the people doing it. This government appears to stick to the view that if employees do not agree, then a) it is due to obstructive unions and b) you overcome that with the law.

Yours faithfully,
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Inflation down?

From Mr Andrew Wiseman

Sir, Government ministers never tire of telling the nation that inflation is lower than it has been for years. Ten minutes ago the postman delivered three bills. The premium for my house insurance has risen by 41 per cent, the council tax bill for my wife and myself is 32 per cent higher than last year's poll tax and our water company asks for an additional 9 per cent. I still haven't filled my car with pricier petrol, had a pint of dearer beer or lit a more expensive cigarette.

Yours sincerely,
A. WISEMAN,
Witchwood, Nightingale Lane,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
March 31.

Fairness sought for coal pensioners and taxpayers

From the Chairman of British Coal

Sir, Our staff pension scheme has a justifiably high reputation. To its contributing members and pensioners who depend on it, the scheme is already among the best in Britain. The professional management of the funds has resulted in the recent valuation by the scheme's actuaries showing a surplus in excess of £1 billion.

That surplus will result in substantial additional benefits to contributing members, by extending the number of years they are deemed to have contributed, and in enhanced payments to pensioners.

In dealing with any surplus the scheme rules lay down a strict order of priorities. First, there must be a prudent allocation for reserves. Then we make sure pensions have been keeping pace with the cost of living and provide for cost-of-living increases for the year ahead. After that, the rules provide for the remaining surplus to be divided equally between the scheme members and pensioners on the one hand, and British Coal on the other.

The current question is what is to be done with British Coal's share of the surplus.

As the provisional valuation shows, the financial position of the fund is now very healthy indeed. British Coal already has a "holiday" from its regular contributions to the staff fund until April 1997. What is different about this pension scheme is that over a number of years it has had to deal with a very rapid contraction in the coal industry, with many thousands of people accepting redundancy together with the additional benefit of an early and enhanced pension.

To provide the substantial funding necessary to pay for the option of pensions from the age of 50, British Coal has, each year, made additional contributions to the scheme. And since we did not have the resources to meet the full cost of this, government committed itself to refunding an agreed proportion by making what are termed "social cost grants".

The valid question now is whether it is desirable or necessary to continue to make these additional contributions to a fund which is so heavily in surplus, or whether the country's taxpayers, who supported the fund through a difficult period, should be relieved of a large part of that burden.

The government asked British Coal to consider whether part of our share of the surplus might be set off against the additional contributions that remain due to the scheme, and we have taken legal advice on whether we can do so. Our advice is that we can. But on this understandably sensitive issue it is right that no precipitate action is taken and that its legality is fully tested. Therefore we intend to seek a direction from the High Court as quickly as possible. We have ensured that the scheme's advisers and the committee of management have had copies of the advice we have received.

We believe it was sensible for government to have asked us to look at this question. Government has quite properly refrained from seeking to influence what is a decision for British Coal and it has confirmed that it will continue to provide grant funding for the scheme, if that is what is decided once the legal position is clearly established by the High Court.

Until that time British Coal, in consultation and with the support of government, has ensured that the financial position of the scheme is protected by making available an interest-free loan facility to cover the payment now due.

We are most concerned that publicity in recent days may cause scheme members and pensioners to worry unnecessarily. British Coal has taken no final decision.

Whatever happens, there is no question of British Coal "raiding" the fund. It would be reprehensible to contemplate such action. It will not be considered and the rules of the scheme ensure that it is impossible to achieve.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL CLARKE,
Chairman, British Coal,
Hobart House,
Grosvenor Place, SW1.
April 7.

Moving towards a democratic society in Hong Kong

From Mr Brian Tisdall

Sir, According to Mr H. P. Hall (letter, March 31), there were two reasons why the Colonial Office decided that democratic reforms could not be introduced in Hong Kong many years ago.

As the "vast majority were not British subjects", he suggests that the Colonial Office did not know who would be able to vote. Since there has never been such a requirement in Hong Kong for any of the multi-tiered elections that have been held during the last 20 or so years, why should this have formed any part of Colonial Office thinking?

If, Mr Hall continued, "Hong Kong developed along the usual colonial lines it would . . . become self-governing . . . [and] China would take over by force".

And there are the seeds of Hong Kong's present woes. As far as the Colonial Office was concerned Hong Kong was just another colony. The possibility of there being a high degree of internal self-government which need not, and would not, have led to demands for independence does not seem to have occurred to Foreign Office sinologists, who line up like so many weaselised rabbits as soon as they get within kowtowing distance of the Forbidden City.

In passing, can anyone explain what will have been lost if Chris Patten's proposals are implemented and are later countermanded by China? Some of the limited safeguards inherent in even a limited democracy yes, but what else? And what surely is important is that Britain will at least be able to claim that it tried. It may lose but at least it tried.

Apart from the words and time that will have been wasted, and the reputations that have suffered, who will be worse off? Possibly Lady Thatcher and Lord Howe, both of whom used the promise of democratic reform to sugar the pill of the Joint Declaration. At which time there was not even the mildest of protests from the Chinese government.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN TISDALL,
51 Holland Park, W11.
April 1.

From Sir Peter Blaker

Sir, Mr H. P. Hall explains that one of the main reasons why elections were not introduced for the legislative council of Hong Kong in the early years after the second world war was the fear that they would be seen by China as a step towards independence and that China might consequently take over Hong Kong by force.

In the years leading up to the British-Chinese Joint Declaration of 1984 the Chinese government made it quite clear to the government of the United Kingdom that this fear had been well founded.

It was only after the Joint Declaration, which expressly said that Hong Kong would be returned to Chinese sovereignty in 1997, that the road to direct elections to the legislative council become open.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BLAKER (Chairman,
Hong Kong Parliamentary Group,
1970-2 and 1983-92),
Woodsland Farm,
Lindfield, Haywards Heath, Sussex.
April 1.

Motor racing success

From Dr David D. Hebb

Sir, How good it is to see (report, March 29) your motoring correspondent, Kevin Eason, highlighting the success of the British motor racing car and engine industry.

I only wish to add that as far back as 1948, officials at the Board of Trade had come to appreciate that considerable prestige and material benefits were accruing to the country from this nascent industry. Between 1950 and 1958, to encourage further development, tax refunds were granted in excess of £200,000 (in the currency of the day).

Yours etc,
DAVID D. HEBB
(Technical Editor), *British Cars*,
707 High Road, Finchley, N12.
March 31.

From Mr D. A. C. Ricketts

Sir, What a morale-boosting report on the dominance of this country in the production of the world's motor racing cars. You should have put it on the front page.

Yours faithfully,
D. A. C. RICKETTS,
Octon Lodge, Shoreditch,
Taunton, Somerset.

Cutbacks in the arts

From Mr John K. D. Cooper

Sir, The decision by the Department of National Heritage to try to push some of its responsibilities on to largely beleaguered local authorities does not seem very practical, in spite of Jocelyn Stevens's English Heritage board of advisers giving him "unanimous support" (letter, March 26).

It is clear that the government is hard up and will continue to be so for some considerable time. So cuts are passed on to all of its departments, agencies and quangos. National Heritage is no exception, as its own recent staff cuts testify, and the "passing the buck" strategy to local authorities bears out.

The motivation: saving money at all costs. And the soft target: the arts.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN K. D. COOPER,
39 Arnos Grove, N14.
March 27.

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Battlefields battle

From Mr John Steane

Sir, On the day I read your article, "The fight is on to save England's lost battlefields" (March 29), I received the result of the Tewkesbury enquiry, which I had attended a year ago, and heard that the Secretary of State was minded to grant permission for a housing development that would obliterate the greater part of the Wars of the Roses battlefield at Tewkesbury.

The minister disagreed with the advice of his own inspector; he ignored the tourist amenity argument; he considered that the potential for educational use of the site was vague and unquantified; and the fact that there were alternative sites for housing in the area not constrained by archaeological or historical considerations was dismissed.

Is this a case where the government commits itself to high-sounding principles of saving England's lost battlefields but when faced with an actual instance simply carries on as before and allows the steady erosion of our national heritage?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN STEANE
(Chairman, Council for
British Archaeology
Schools Committee, 1988-90),
27 Harpes Road, Oxford.
April 5.

Training for the law

From Mr Patrick J. Goodall

Sir, I am pleased to see that the market-place for the new legal practice course (LPC) is opening up ("Private challenge to the trainers", Law, March 23).

At a time when the legal profession is removing its built-in discriminatory barriers, it seems somewhat bizarre that the price of the legal vocational course has risen: the cost of the new LPC is roughly £4,500, compared with £3,200 for the old finals course.

Hence, the very groups being encouraged to enter the profession are being excluded unless they are sponsored by large City firms or their parents are able to support them. Further, because of the financial pressures that many local authorities are under, they have removed funding for such courses.

We should welcome the birth of commercialism among the providers of these courses.

With the increased competition the fees should then decrease and people who could not otherwise afford it may be tempted to enter the legal profession.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK J. GOODALL,
The Old Parsonage,
Newark Road, Coddington,
Newark, Nottinghamshire.

National fiasco

From Mr Daniel de W. Rogers

Sir, Some of your readers might be interested in an extract from Con O'Leary's account of the Grand National of 1849, *Grand National*, Rockliff, 1945:

The race was won from a false start. Lord Sefton called the jockeys back but, encouraged by the spectators, the leaders went on, the others followed suit, and the starter finding the field gone beyond recall, lowered his flag.

The winner was the bay Peter Simple (not to be confused with the earlier grey of the same name), who won again in 1853. O'Leary goes on to record that, as they rode up the straight, the jockey, Tom Cunningham, refused repeated and ever-increasing offers of a bribe from the rider of the second horse.

Yours faithfully,
DANIEL de W. ROGERS,
Greencroft Park House,
Lanchester, Durham.

From Mr Alan Price-Talbot

Sir, The Grand National will no doubt survive the present crisis. However, bowler hats combined with mackintoshes have been dealt a mortal blow, for who in future will take seriously anyone so attired?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN PRICE-TALBOT,
Lisvane House, Mill Road,
Lisvane, Cardiff.
April 6.

From Mr F. B. R. Howell

Sir, At a time when TV film showings are being cancelled so as not to offend the susceptibilities of sections of the viewing public, I find it singularly insensitive of Channel 4 to have gone ahead with the transmission on Sunday of *The Belles of St Trinian's*, in which a steeplechase event commences on time and proceeds without hitch to a satisfying conclusion.

Yours faithfully,
F. B. R. HOWELL,
18 Moorgate Chase,
Moorgate, Rotherham,
South Yorkshire.
April 4.

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 7: The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and remained to Luncheon.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were repesented by The Prince of Wales at the State Funeral of The Count of Barcelona, which was held in the Monastery of El Escorial, Madrid, today.

By Command of The Queen, Mr William Bromley Davenport (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cheshire) was present at Liverpool Airport this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Ireland and welcomed Her Excellency on Her Majesty's behalf.

The Queen was represented by The Duke of Edinburgh at the Service of Remembrance for those who died in Warrington, which was held in St Elphin's Church this evening.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 7: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by the Duke of Wellington and Ciudad Rodrigo at the State Funeral of The Count of Barcelona which was held in the Monastery of El Escorial, Madrid, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 7: The Princess of Wales, Patron, English National Ballet, this afternoon visited the Company at Markova House, 39 Jay Mews, London SW7.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 7: The Duke of Kent, President, the Automobile Association, this morning attended a Committee Meeting at Fanum House, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon visited Newhaven Lifeboat Station, and was met on arrival by Mr Timothy Jones (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex) and later visited Shoreham Lifeboat Station and Littlehampton Lifeboat Station and was met on arrival by Major General Sir Philip Ward (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex).

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Hywel Bennett, actor, 49; General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, 69; Mr J.P. Kavanagh, racehorse trainer, 50; Sir Neil Lawson, former High Court judge, 85; Air Commandant Dame Alice Lowrey, former matron-in-chief, PMRAFNS, 88; Mrs Mary Moore, former principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 63; Mr W. Garth Morrison, Chief Scout, 50; Mr Eric Porter, actor, 65; Mr Ian Smith, former Prime Minister of Rhodesia, 74; Professor Maurice Stacey, chemist, 86; Sir Thomas Thomson, former chairman, Greater Glasgow Health Board, 70; Miss Dorothy Tutin, actress, 62.

Royal Postgraduate Medical School

The Royal Postgraduate Medical School has conferred the Fellowship of the School upon Professor E.G.L. Bywaters, Professor D.G. Melrose, and Professor J.G. Scadding. The occasion was marked on March 29, 1993, by a scientific presentation of some of the School's work, followed by a dinner attended by many friends and past colleagues of the new Fellows.

St Francis' College, Letchworth

There will be a special celebration of Mass in memory of Sister Elizabeth of the Trinity, Foundress of St Francis' College, on Sunday, April 25, at 11.00am in Chapel.

The Old Girls' Association are holding their AGM at 2.00pm on the same day. All Old Girls are warmly welcome. If lunch is required please contact Margaret Gibbs at the College.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will distribute the Royal Maundy during the Maundy service in Wells Cathedral at 10.35. The Duke of Edinburgh will also attend.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the RYA UK youth championships at Bala Sailing Club, Gwynedd, at 1.00.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Selsey lifeboat station, Peachey Road, Selsey, at 10.30; will visit Portsmouth lifeboat station, Meryl Road, Milton, Southsea at 11.35; and will visit Hayling Island yacht club and Hayling lifeboat station, Hayling Island, at 12.30.

Memorial services

Dr Allen Crockford
A memorial service for Dr Allen Crockford was held yesterday in the Chapel of St Thomas' Hospital. The Rev Peter Haughton, medical school chaplain, United Medical and Dental Schools, officiated.

Mr Christopher Jansen and Mr Richard Lister read the lessons and Miss Nicola Crockford read *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran. Professor A.H. Henderson gave an address.

Lord Edmund-Davies
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of The Right Hon The Lord Edmund-Davies will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel on Thursday, May 27, at 5.00pm. Owing to the size of Gray's Inn Chapel admission to the Chapel will be by ticket. Applications should be made in writing to the Administration Secretary, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, 8 South Square, London, WC1R 5EU, by Monday, May 10. The Service will also be relayed to Gray's Inn Hall for those without tickets.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Loudon, horticulturist, Cambuslang, Strathclyde, 1783; Dionysius Solomos, poet, Zante, Greece, 1798; Sir Arthur Streeton, Australian painter, Victoria, 1867; Harvey Cushing, neurosurgeon, Cleveland, Ohio, 1869; Albert I, King of the Belgians 1909-34, Brussels, 1875; Sir Adrian Boult, conductor, Chester, 1889; Mary Pickford, silent film star, Toronto, 1893; Sonja Henie, world skating champion and film actress, Oslo, 1912.

DEATHS: El Greco, painter, Toledo, 1614; Karl von Humboldt, philosopher and educator, Tegel, Germany, 1835; Elisha Otis, pioneer of the safety lift, Yonkers, New York, 1861; Erik Karlfeldt, poet, posthumous Nobel laureate 1931, Stockholm, 1931; Vaslav Nijinsky, ballet dancer, London, 1950; Pablo Picasso, painter, Mougins, France, 1973; Omar Nelson Bradley, American army general, New York, 1981.

King Zog of Albania abdicated, 1939.

The League of Nations held its final meeting, 1946.

Battle horn sounds its fearsome screech again

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE SOUND of a 2,000 year old Celtic battle horn, used by northern tribes to frighten Roman troops, is echoing out again, thanks to the Scottish broadcaster and musicologist John Purser.

The horn, a replica of the carnyx which was discovered in 1816 in a dried up loch at Deskford near Banff, Grampian, is believed to be the only working replica of this once common but sophisticated Celtic instrument.

Very few examples survive of the carnyx, which stands over 6ft tall and is shaped like the head of a boar. The replica was made by John Creed, a blacksmith and silversmith who lectures at Glasgow School of Art. It was funded by the Glenfiddich whisky company.

Mr Creed studied the original carnyx, fragments of which survive in the National Museum of Scotland. The replica was made in bronze using Bronze Age techniques. Mr Creed also used illustrations of carnyxes on coins and on the Gundestrup cauldron in Copenhagen which dates from the second century AD. It depicts a number of Celts in battle dress playing boar-headed carnyxes. Polybius describes the fearful noise made by the Celts blowing on horns at the battle of Telamon in 225 BC.

The replica, which took 400 hours to make, was tested at Edinburgh University's department of physics, and is played by John Kenny, the trombone soloist and composer. The carnyx has a wide range of sounds from melodic trumpeting to animal-like screeching and Mr Kenny listened to the sounds of wild boar in an effort to recreate them on the carnyx. The replica carnyx is on display at the Royal Museum of Scotland until May 31.

MIKE WILKINSON



Surreal instrument: John Kenny, trombonist and composer, sounds a warning blast on the 6ft high replica carnyx, which is shaped like a boar's head

Queen's Counsel

The Queen has approved the following appointments:

Queen's Counsel (Honoris Causa)

Lord Goodman CH, Professor Peter Gonville Stein, Hazel Mary Lady Fox, Sir Maurice Sydney Lipworth, Professor Francis Martin Baillie Reynolds, Dr Peter Machin North, Professor Jeffrey Lionel Jowell.

Queen's Counsel

Montague Sherborne, Ian Alban Bryant McLaren, John Graham Boal, Nicholas Jarvis Worsley, Robert Allan Fordham, Malcolm Leslie Bishop, Terence Augustine Coghlan, Alistair Geoffrey MacDuff, Richard Patrick Sutton, Stephen Andrew Nathan, Stephen John Linehan, Rex Hilary Tedd, Michael Howard Redfern, Richard Paul Gray, James William Ockford Curtis, Paul James Duke Coleridge, Richard Alfred Anelay.

Michael John Davy Vere-Hodge, Patrick Michael Joseph O'Connor, Stephen Windsor Leslie, Leonard Clement Goldstone, Dorian Christopher Lovell-Pank, Peter Thomas Hughes, Victor Bevis Afoumado Temple, Miss Joanna Dodson, Charles Roger Garside, Alan Robin de Wilde, Simon William Lawler, Paul Renton Dunkels, Derrick Arthur Wyatt, Christopher Geoffrey Ball, John Graham Boggis, Timothy Walter Harold Raggatt, Miss Susan May Edwards, Nicholas Roger Warren, Aidan Stephen Marron, Michael Joseph Adrian Murphy.

Thomas McGregor Shields, Patrick John Harrington, Roger Boyd Farley, Nicholas Ranking Davidson, Anthony Mark David Havelock-Allan, Ian Mayes, Lawrence Francis Richard Cohen, Roderic Lionel James Wood, Mrs Suzan Patricia Matthews, Andrew Vincent Bramwell Bartlett, James Kirk Reynolds, Miss Joanna Christian Mary Korner, David Steer, William Robert Griffiths, Timothy Roger Charlton, Peter James Cooper.

Jeremy James Carter-Manning, Steven Mark Gee, Kuldip Singh, Stephen James Allcock, James Dalgfish Guthrie, Timothy Peter Saloman, Miss Susan Hamilton, Ian Lionel Croxford, Murray Hilary Rosen, Peter Crampin, Geoffrey Charles Vos, Anthony John Elleray, Miss Caroline Jane Swift, John Brychan Steel, Clive Douglas Newberry, John Howell, Justin Francis Quintus Fenwick.

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Legal appointment

Judge Stroyan, QC, to be the Senior Circuit Judge at Newcastle upon Tyne.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. Brown and Miss J.S. Le Couilliard
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs G. Brown, of Western Australia, and Jo, daughter of Dr and Mrs F.J. Le Couilliard, of Hindhead, Surrey.

Mr R.F. Chalk and Miss C.E. Hobin
The engagement is announced between Rodger Francis, son of Mr and Mrs Laurie Chalk, of Foxton Beach, New Zealand, and Clare Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs Terence Hobin, of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr C.J.R. Paxman and Miss F.J. Canning
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr Peter Paxman, of Mayfield, and Mrs Alison Paxman, of Rotherfield, and Frances, daughter of the late Mr Derek Canning and of Mrs Sylvia Canning, of Sandown, Isle of Wight.

Mr J.E.H. Willis and Miss A.M. Evans
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Willis, of Frant, East Sussex, and Alison Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Evans, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr P.E. Foxon and Miss C.N. Marshall
The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs Edward Foxon, of Norton Canes, Staffordshire, and Catherine, younger daughter of Dr Merlin and Dr Patricia Marshall, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Marriages

Squadron Leader R.E. Hanlon and Miss G.R.H. Lash
The marriage took place on Wednesday, March 31, in Kingston-upon-Thames, between Robert, son of Mr Edward Hanlon and the late Mrs Ruby Hanlon, of Christchurch, Dorset, and Gillian, daughter of the late Mr David Lash and of Mrs Judith Lash, of Lover, Redlynch, Wiltshire. Mr Ewen MacLeod was best man.

Mr T.A. Stevens and Mrs J.R. Robinson
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 3, at St James' Church, Ansty, Wiltshire, between Andrew Stevens and Jacqueline Robinson (nee Tyrrell), both of Clapham, London.

Chartered Accountants

Mr F.E. Worsley, Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, presented Mr Bobby Bridges with a cheque for Cherry Trees, a charity providing respite care for severely disabled children, at the Spring dinner held last night at Drapers' Hall. The Master presented Mrs Rebecca Collinson with the Worshipful Company's first prize certificate and Mr Anouj Mehta and Miss Clare Mayo with silver medals and certificates.

Appointments

The following join the Council of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust: Mr Jonathan Bradbeer, the Earl of Dalkeith, The Baroness Flather, Lord Norrie, and Mr Mark Robinson, MP.

Latest wills

Mr Philip Edward Longsdale, of Hindley Green, Greater Manchester, left estate valued at £537,469 net. He died intestate.

Elizabeth Mary Buraley, of Newton, Hungerford, Berkshire, formerly of St Katharine's House, Wantage, Oxfordshire £1,122,707 net.

She left a personal bequest of £1,000, £2,000 to the National Trust, and other bequests to the Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage, St Christophers Hospice, London, the Church Army, St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy, London, and the Children's Society.

Mr David Theodore Bourne, of Edgbaston, West Midlands, left estate valued at £223,166 net. He left his entire estate to Birmingham university.

Other estates include (net before tax): Mrs Sheila Heighway Baldry, of Bournemouth, Dorset ..... £829,803.
Mrs Dorothy Marcella Bass, of Cheam, Surrey ..... £737,982.
Mr Peter Wellburn Bayliss, of Tilley, Worcester and Hereford ..... £560,044.

Horticulture

Fair camellias bring spring to Wembley

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

THE camellia is fast becoming one of the most popular evergreen shrubs as people are discovering that it is easy to grow, free flowering and suitable for growing in containers.

So it is hardly surprising that camellias feature strongly at the International Spring Gardening Fair, which opens today at the Wembley Exhibition and Conference Centre.

The Camellia Show is one of the highlights of this event, which is organised by News International Exhibitions and the Royal Horticultural Society, and includes the RHS camellia competition (first two days only), and a camellia clinic offered by the International Camellia Society.

Sally Court, of Old Isleworth, west London, has designed a town garden which shows how camellias can be used in small gardens by growing them in raised beds and containers. Coghurst Nursery, of Hastings, Sussex, is showing camellias in containers for patios. They specialise in white cultivars and these include 'White Swan', 'White Nun', 'Swan Lake' and the creamy yellow 'Jury's Yellow'. They are also showing camellias suitable for hedges, such as 'E. G. Waterhouse'.

The Royal Horticultural Society's spring show has been transplanted from its usual Westminster venue and is thoroughly mixed in with some 200 other exhibits, including garden sundries, which make up the fair. Perhaps it would have been better in a hall of its own.

There is plenty of colour from spring-flowering bulbs. Kelway's Nurseries, of Langport, Somerset, have staged a superb drift of *Iris reticulata* hybrids, from pale blue 'Natasha' to dark purple 'Purple Gem', drifts of crocuses, and a fine collection of fritillarias, including *F. persica* with spikes of chocolate-coloured bells.

Miniature daffodils, both British and American cultivars, are being featured by Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishops Hull, Somerset. Among new introductions are 'Cha Cha', pink and white, lemon and white 'Tracey' and yellow and white 'Trina'.

Avon Bulbs, of Mid Lambrook, Somerset, have arranged their bulbs according to conditions required: there are bulbs for shady woodland areas, like erythroniums, *Anemone nemorosa*, and Solomon's seal; and, for sunny situations, tulips, red pulsatillas and camassias with spikes of starry blue flowers.

Several other nurseries are showing spring woodland plants. The Paradise Centre, of Lamarsh, Suffolk, has some fine trilliums: the purple-flowered *Trillium chloropetalum* and its white variety *album*. Also attracting attention is a yellow woodland violet, *Viola biflora*.

The exhibit from Glebe Cottage Plants, of Warkleigh, Devon, has a Gertrude Jekyll theme: nearly all of the woodland and shade-loving plants are plants that she grew. There is a fine collection of spurges or euphorbias, including the purple-flushed *E.* 'Chameleon' and the red-eyed *E. x martinii*.

Burncoose and South Down Nursery, of Redruth, Cornwall, staunch supporters of RHS shows, have excelled themselves at the Spring Fair, with a vast display of ornamental plants which includes azaleas, rhododendrons and Japanese maples, *Acer palmatum*. Striking in its bright shrimp-pink young foliage is *A. p.* 'Chisio'. There is even a rose in flower — the single yellow 'Canary Bird'.

A good range of tender perennials, most suited to patio containers, has been staged by Brian Hiley, of Wallington, Surrey, including *Lotus maculaensis* with yellow flowers and attractive ferny foliage — an ideal and unusual subject for hanging baskets.

Even more exotic plants than these abound at the fair and range from cacti and succulents to colourful bromeliads. Lush foliage plants like ferns, huge tree ferns and palms in a tropical rain-forest setting feature in Ann Swithinbank's World of Houseplants. The exhibit includes various room settings "furnished" with suitable houseplants.

Other "gardens" are also aimed to inform visitors: for example, there are patios in various styles with planted containers; front gardens of different designs; a lawn demonstrating all you need to know about making and care; and a low-maintenance garden which features evergreens, conifers and other labour-saving hardy plants.

The fair is open daily over the Easter period, from 9.30am to 7.30pm, and closes at 5pm on 12 April.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

FAX: 071 481 9313

If you, Lord should keep account of sins, who could hold his ground? But with you is forgiveness, so that you may be revered. Psalm 130: 3,4

BIRTHS

BAVERSTOCK - On 8th April, to Alison (née Scott) and Neil, a son, Jack Henry Graham, brother for Alasdair and Harriet.

BROWN - On 6th April, to Claudia (née Zeff) and John, a son, John Samuel Darcy.

COURTENAY-STAMP - On 31st March, to Elizabeth (née Crawford) and Jeremy, a daughter, Georgina Louise.

DYBROKE - On 1st April, to Kathryn (née Topham) and Charles, a son, Jasper Rex Pate.

KENDALL - On March 26th, to Niamh (née de'Paor) and Stephen, a beautiful daughter, Cathryn Rebecca Ashling, at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

LEWIS - On March 31st, to Sarabjeet (née Loop) and Willie, a daughter, Chloë Alexandra Cicely, a sister for Freddie.

MITCHAM - On April 5th 1993, to Tamsin (née Millington-Drake) and Jeremy, a son, Max Miles, a brother to Sophie and Chloe.

MOSERLY - Caryn and Andrew are delighted to announce the arrival of Annie Isabel Churchill on 29th March 1993.

NICHOLSON - On April 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Tessa and Geoffrey, a son, Rupert Alexander Butler, a brother for William and Esmé.

O'CONNOR - See Squires.

OSBEN - On 5th April, to Rachel and Edward, a daughter, Elizabeth Margaret Clare, a sister for Thomas, Helen and Joseph.

PAPINEAU - On March 31st, to David and Rose (née Wild), a son, Louis Joseph Wild, a brother for Kate.

BIRTHS

SCHLESINGER - On 3rd April 1993, to Nicola (née Jacobs) and Tony, a son, Hugo, a brother for Thomas and Flora.

SOUDERS - On 2nd April 1993, to Deirdre (née O'Connor) and David, the gift of a lovely daughter, Orla Deirdre Mary, DG, a pal for Emer. Very grateful thanks to my Consultant and Staff at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, Essex.

STEENHAUER - On April 3rd at the Wellington Hospital, to Susanne and Peter, a son, Christian, a brother for Mel.

SYFRET - On April 2nd at home, to Katharine (née Allinson) and Nicholas Syfret, a daughter, Felicity Louise, a sister for Robert and John.

WELLS - On April 1st 1993, to Lavinia (née Paul) and James, a daughter.

WILD - See Papineau.

MARRIAGES

VAZ-FERNANDES - On April 3rd 1993 at the Westminster Cathedral & The Chapel of St Mary's Undercroft, Palace of Westminster, Keith to Maria.

DEATHS

BLAXLAND - On Wednesday March 31st, peacefully at Wallwitch Forest Row, East Sussex, Rebecca Joan Blaxland (Bebe), aged 88 years. International hockey player and referee. Cremation Service at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, near Crawley, on Tuesday April 13th at 2.30 pm. No flowers or mourning at her request but donations if desired for Marie Curie Memorial Foundation to R Medhurst F/D, Vine House, Hartfield, Sussex, TN7 4AD.

DEATHS

BURE - David, suddenly, 6th April. Beloved husband of Mo. Father of Genevieve and Anthony, grandfather of Delfina, Eloise, Tertius, Rupert and Randolf. Funeral for family and close friends only Church of Our Lady and St Francis, West Grinstead, West Sussex, noon 14th April. Family flowers only - donations if desired to British Association Order of Malta, Brampton House, 60 Grove End Road, London NW8 9NH. Memorial Service to be announced later.

BURRELL - On April 6th in a nursing home in Sheffield, John Charles Burrell F.R.S., aged 93 years, formerly Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge. Much loved and admired by his numerous relatives and friends. Cremation at City Road Crematorium, Sheffield, on Monday April 19th at 1.45pm. Family flowers only, donations made payable to Society for the Protection of Science and Learning may be sent to John Heath & Sons Funeral Directors, Sheffield, S4 7LS. Memorial Service at Peterhouse to be arranged.

CASSERON - On April 6th 1993, at St Helier Hospital, Doreen Margaret Casseron aged 81 years, of Sanderstead. Former Art Teacher at Moreton Hall School. Dearly loved by Elm. Service at St Peter's United Reformed Church, Croham Park Avenue, Croydon, on Wednesday April 14th at 11am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for Save the Children Fund or Bernardo's may be send c/o J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

CARR - On 5th April, Samuel, dearly loved husband of Pat, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Chelsea Old Church on Thursday 15th April at 2 pm. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

COBB - On March 30th 1993, Lady Irene Cobb. In loving memory of Lady Irene Cobb of Norwood, who, in another time, could have tempted Kings and ruled continents. Deeply loved and sadly missed.

CRITTALL - On April 5th 1993, suddenly in Saffron Walden, Janet Margaret (Jenny), aged 69 years. Cremation private. Enquiries to H Passport & Son Funeral Directors, 62 Gold Street, Saffron Walden, Essex, tel: (0799) 522314.

DURRSFORD - On 6th April, peacefully after many years of suffering, Stephen Barton, aged 77, much loved husband of Marianne, brother, father and grandfather. Private cremation.

FRENCH - On 8th April 1993, peacefully at Trinity Hospice, Clapham North, Muriel 'Peps' (née Bradford), aged 80 years, much loved wife of Harold French. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on 16th April 1993 at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations to Trinity Hospice, Clapham North.

GRIFFITH - S.C. (Billy) C.B.E., D.F.C., T.D., on April 7th 1993, dearly loved husband of Barbara, father of Pauline and Mike, father-in-law of Carol, grandfather of Claire, Sarah and Harry. Private funeral, no flowers, donations if wished to Leukaemia Research Fund, Arun Branch, c/o Faith Raven, Hollywood Nursing Home, Felpham, W. Sussex PO22 3HG.

JONES - On April 1st at Salisbury District Hospital, Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Gwyneth Jones R.R.C., Q.A.R.A.N.C. Private cremation has already taken place.

DEATHS

KLEINGELD - On 6th April 1993, peacefully in Zoetermeer, The Netherlands, Gerrit Jan, husband of the late Mary, father to Marian, Nick, Mariette, Adriaan and Tim, Grandfather to young Jan-Willem, Pieter-Alexander, Katja, Stephanie, Oliver and Thomas. Funeral Service Saturday 10th April 1993, Hilegonda Kerk, Rotterdam, The Netherlands 11.30am. "And suddenly our world stood still and it will never be the same again".

MILLS - Kathleen, surrounded by those closest to her at home on Wednesday 7th April 1993, following a long and brave struggle against cancer. Previously of Sawbridgeworth and Sidcup, wife of the late Bernard Mills and mother of Leslie and Olive and the late Lynne Mills. The funeral service will be held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Wansford, Cambridgeshire on Thursday 15th April at 11.15 am. Flowers or if preferred donations may be given to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Crowsons Funeral Directors, Barnwell, near Oundle, Peterborough.

OLDHAM - David Pigot Deere, very peacefully on April 5th. Dearly loved by his wife Patricia and his family. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Wisborough Green, West Sussex, on Thursday April 15th 3 pm. Family flowers only. Any donations to The Mental Health Foundation, 37 Mortimer Street, London W1N 7RJ.

PERRY - William James (Bill) aged 75 years, widower. A peaceful end after fighting against cancer, survived by his children Adam, Kate and Matthew. Will be missed but loved forever. No flowers please, but donations if desired for Priscilla Bacon Lodge, c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, St Stephens Square, Norwich NR1 3QJ.

SIMMONS - On 6th April 1993, peacefully, Douglas Allan Simmons aged 76 years of Coulsdon. Much loved husband of Violet and father of Paul. Service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Addiscombe, on Friday 16th April at 2 pm, followed by cremation. Donations for Royal Marsden Hospital or Marie Curie Home, Caterham, may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

STEBBINGS - On 2nd April 1993, suddenly, Vicky Betty, husband of Freda, father of Peter and Lawrence, and proud Bampa of his five grandchildren. Private cremation took place on Wednesday 7th April, any further enquiries please to Scott Owen, Tom Owen & Son Funeral Directors, 11 Bethcyfyed Road, Llandudno, tel: (0492) 860280.

THOMPSON - At the Hope Nursing Home, Cambridge, on 3rd April 1993, Gerald Leopold died peacefully after a short illness aged 91 years. He is survived by his wife Kathleen and sons Patrick, David and Michael. Formerly an architect with the Essex County Council and practising in Yorkshire. Retiring to Avening, Holt and Wells. Funeral Service to be conducted by the Reverend Doctor David Thompson at St Johns Church, Digswell, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, on Friday 16th April at 3 pm. No flowers but donations for the Architects Benevolent Fund may be sent c/o Geo. W. Biver & Sons Funeral Directors, Church Street, Welwyn, Herts., AL6 0BL. Telephone (0438) 714666.

TILBURY - On 3rd April, Iris aged 72. Funeral will take place at St Peter's, Eaton Square, on Wednesday 14th April at 11 am, followed by burial at Powder Mill Lane Cemetery, Hanworth Road, Twickenham at 1 pm. Flowers, or donations for St John & St Elizabeth Hospice c/o Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row, SW1P 1JU.

UNY - Helen. Passed away peacefully on April 5th, deeply mourned by her children and grandchildren.

VARLEY - On April 6th 1993, Douglas, aged 89, peacefully after a long illness borne with extreme courage and cheerfulness. Beloved husband of Julia and dearly loved father of Jane and grandfather of Adam. Funeral Service on Wednesday 14th April at 12 noon at Little Marlow Church. Family flowers only, donations if desired to be divided between the British Lung Foundation and the Iain Rennie Hospice, c/o G. Smith (Woolburn) Ltd., 7 The Green, Woolburn Green, High Wycombe, Bucks.

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IN MEMORIAM - WAR

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OBITUARIES

S. C. GRIFFITH

S. C. (Billy) Griffith, CBE, DFC, TD, secretary of MCC from 1962 to 1974, died in a Sussex nursing home yesterday aged 78. He was born on June 16, 1914.



DURING his 22 years with MCC, first as assistant secretary to Ronnie Aird and then, from 1962 to 1974, as secretary, Billy Griffith was at the centre of events at a time when cricket was having to reconcile itself to modern demands. It was a period, too, when, as an international game, cricket underwent unprecedented stresses. At home he was closely involved with the introduction of one-day cricket (1963), the demise of the amateur (1968-70) and the onset of "player power", of which, however, he was instinctively suspicious. Such was his anxiety to see that the spirit of the game was never compromised that he appeared at moments to be somewhat reactionary.

On the international front his period as secretary coincided with the acute crisis which faced the game over apartheid in South Africa. The "D'Oliveira affair" of 1968 — in which MCC was clearly seen to bow to a South African *government diktat* in leaving out of its touring side a coloured player of such persuasive credentials — caused an explosion of public outrage against MCC which could, and should, have been foreseen. As MCC's spokesman, Griffiths, highly sensitive to the issues, offered his resignation. It was not accepted — to the relief even of those who were MCC's most persistent critics. Though he could not escape implication in MCC's errors of judgment, Griffith was generally regarded as having acted with total integrity throughout the affair.

The fact was that he personified an age when cricket was a more carefree business. He longed, unrealistically as he would have admitted, for the era before politics entered the game and worried fearfully about the rights and wrongs with which players were confronted, as a result. As secretary throughout an exceptionally difficult period, he was widely respected for his conscientiousness and for his concern for players as human beings.

Stewart Cathie Griffith was known universally as Billy. According to his own version his father, who had wanted to christen him William — Cathie was an inescapable family name — had bridled at the font, realising that the initials "W. C." might expose his infant son to a lavatorial nickname in later life. He was educated at Dulwich College, where he excelled himself as a player of all sorts of games, and at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he won a cricket blue. Soon afterwards he toured Australia and New Zealand with an MCC side, though not their strongest. The tour helped to calm the waters that had been so ruffled by the now notorious "bodyline" tour of 1932-33. For two years, 1937-39, he taught at his old school before war service claimed him.

His war was a distinguished one. He served as a pilot in the Glider Pilot regiment, reached the rank of lieutenant-colonel and in 1944 won the DFC, piloting to the Normandy invasion the glider bearing the commander of the Airborne Division.

When the war was over Griffith went at once into cricket. From 1946 to 1950 he was secretary of Sussex, whom he captained in the first of those years. He was a fine wicket-keeper, good enough, in fact, to tour the West Indies in 1947-48 (when he was also assistant manager of the MCC team, in charge of tour finances) and to be preferred to Godfrey Evans for the last two Test matches in South Africa in 1948-49.

He was also a tenacious batsman. Indeed, he made the first of his three first-class hundreds in a Test match — against the West Indies at Port of Spain, Trinidad. With the England team beset with injuries he was called to open the batting on his debut for his country and performed magnificently on a day of such sweltering heat that by teatime, when he came in on 73 not out, his pads were completely soaked through with sweat. That evening, in spite of the salt pills he had taken, Griffith collapsed in the team's hotel, totally immobilised from cramp. He went on to score 140 in the innings.

After giving up the secretaryship of Sussex, and before being appointed to Lord's in 1952, Griffith was for two years cricket correspondent of *The Sunday Times*. The burdens the secretaryship of MCC placed on him were much exacerbated by illness which forced him to curtail his own playing career and plagued him thereafter. In 1961 he had a lung removed and was subject to bad bouts of bronchial pneumonia for some years.

Public reaction to the D'Oliveira affair made it clear that the projected South African cricket tour of England in 1970 must now be in jeopardy. With anti-apartheid groups making threats that they would disrupt the matches, turning cricket grounds into battlefields, Griffith and M. J. C. Allom, who as president of MCC was also chairman of the Cricket Council, were called to the Home Office on May 21. There they were asked by the home secretary, James Callaghan, to cancel the tour. It was the end of cricketing relations between England and South Africa for many a long day. This was a matter Griffith could not help regretting, even while he understood it. In this he flew in the face of mainstream opinion, but his reasons for feeling as he did were respected even by such authoritative leaders of the "anti" party as the Right Rev David Sheppard. Simply, he cherished the belief that it was better to keep playing than to sever links.

In 1974 Griffith was appointed CBE, and in 1979-80, he was president of MCC. He was also responsible for the 1980 recoding of the Laws of Cricket, an onerous undertaking which kept him much occupied during the early years of his retirement. He had maintained, too, his interest in soldiering part-time and in 1954 was awarded the Territorial decoration. His son, Mike, captained Sussex from 1969 to 1972.

S. C. Griffith, who had been in a nursing home for a number of years, is survived by his wife, Barbara, his son and a daughter, Pauline.

DIMITRIS TSEVAS

Dimitris Tsevas, deputy prosecutor of the Supreme Court of Greece, died in Athens on March 26 aged 62. He was born on June 12, 1930.

AS THE man in charge of investigations into the protracted mystery of domestic terrorism in Greece over the past two years, Dimitris Tsevas was widely respected for the integrity, courage and even-handedness with which he enforced the law in a country where governments have often made it a practice to influence the course of justice to suit their own ends.

His reputation for impartiality was severely tested throughout a brilliant career of 34 years, in the course of which he exposed some of the most notorious affairs that bedevilled Greek political life.

In the summer of 1988, taking advantage of a brief vacation by his superior, he initiated proceedings against George Koskotas, owner of the Bank of Crete, who was eventually convicted for siphoning off deposits of state enterprises worth £200 million to finance the acquisition of a personal media empire. The discredited banker's allegation that the then ruling socialists instigated the embezzlement was disproved only with regard to the prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, but led nevertheless to the premier's fall from power in the elections of 1989.

Born in the Attic village of Polydendri, Dimitris Tsevas graduated in law from Athens University and went into private practice until 1959 when he joined the judiciary, serving as public prosecutor in several provincial Greek cities.

In 1988 he may have displeased the socialists, but at the outset of his career he had caused equal umbrage to their conservative rivals when he charged a senior officer of the Gendarmerie with offences relating to the electoral legislation. It was a time when the ruling conservatives were being accused by the Opposition of organising large-scale poll rigging in the elections of 1961, with the help of the army and the police.

During the military dictatorship in 1970, as director of public prosecutions in Crete, he stopped Brigadier Pattakos, one of the ruling junta, from having an old church demolished. He was promptly banished to a lesser post in the Peloponnese.

After the restoration of democracy in 1974, he conducted the enquiry into the violent suppression of the students' revolt at the polytechnic in Athens in 1973 which eventually led to the fall of the junta. When the last dictator, Colonel Dimitrios Ioannidis, who was still free, turned up at his office flanked by armed bodyguards, he dismissed the escort, and interrogated the accused officer who was eventually arrested and convicted with his accomplices. Tsevas was then severely criticised for exploding the popular myth that there had been "hundreds" of dead when the junta's tanks crashed their way into the polytechnic.

Tsevas's search for terrorists focused mainly on the "17 November" organisation (named after the date of the polytechnic uprising) which has, in the last 18 years, murdered at least 19 prominent Greeks and Americans, in a total of 45 attacks carried out with guns, bombs and anti-tank rockets. Not a single member of that organisation was ever apprehended. Whether Tsevas had found the thread of Ariadne in this baffling series of killings, remains unknown.

Tsevas's investigation brought him into open conflict with the Greek news media. He was, ex officio, responsible for the enforcement of the draconian anti-terrorist legislation introduced in 1990 by the present conservative government. This included a ban on the publication of the long proclamations that the terrorists invariably put out to claim each attack and explain the ideological reasons that had prompted it.

In September 1992, Tsevas provoked strong reactions from politicians by publishing an article advocating a peaceful "revolution of morals" to free the nation from the corruption and inefficiency brought about by the client-patron relationship between voters and politicians.

At the time of his death he had requested parliament to lift the immunity of a deputy from the ruling party, charged with forgery in connection with the release of a convicted narcotics merchant.

He was tipped as the likeliest candidate for the top post of Supreme Court Prosecutor after the retirement of the present incumbent in June. He leaves his widow and two sons.

MICHAEL KANIN

Michael Kanin, Oscar-winning screenwriter, director, producer and playwright, died in Los Angeles on March 12 aged 83. He was born in Rochester, New York, on February 1, 1910.



Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn in a scene from *Woman of the Year* which won an Oscar for Michael Kanin

MICHAEL Kanin's writing career began, literally, by accident. He had set out to be an artist, studying at the Art Students League and the New York School of Design, and was painting scenery for burlesque shows during the Depression when an eye injury forced him to switch to writing.

The talent ran in the family. Kanin's elder brother was Garson Kanin, later to achieve fame as the author of *Born Yesterday*, and the careers of the two men were to become intertwined after they both moved to Hollywood. They had actually begun together in showbusiness during their student days, writing, producing and singing for summer shows at hotels in the Catskill Mountains. In 1942, just three years after going to California as a writer for RKO, Michael Kanin shared an Academy Award for writing the Katharine Hepburn—Spencer Tracy comedy *Woman of the Year*. Five years later he produced *A Double Life*, starring Ronald Colman, with a script written by his brother and Ruth Gordon. The film received four Oscar nominations and won two Oscars.

Much of Kanin's work was done in collaboration with his wife, Fay Mitchell, whom he had met on the RKO lot soon after arriving in Hollywood. The pair sold their first script, *Sunday Punch*, to MGM not long after their marriage in 1940, and their later film credits included *Rhapsody* (1954), starring Elizabeth Taylor, and *Teacher's Pet* (1958), with Clark Gable and Doris Day. *Teacher's Pet* was nominated for an Oscar for the best original screenplay.

They also wrote for the stage, with Broadway shows including *His and Hers* (1954), *Rashomon* (1959) and the musical *The Gay Life* in 1961.

In later years Michael Kanin returned to his first love and began producing bronze sculptures of his favourite entertainers, including Charlie Chaplin, Louis Armstrong and Groucho Marx. His work was exhibited at the Heritage Gallery in Los Angeles.

A charter member of the Writers Guild of America West, Kanin founded the Michael Kanin Original Playwriting Awards in which college writers' works were produced at the John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts in Washington.

He is survived by his wife, his brother and one son.

PROFESSOR JOHN CONN

Professor John Conn, naval architect and John Elder Professor of Naval Architecture in the University of Glasgow, 1957-73, died on March 27 aged 89. He was born on July 5, 1903.

A NATIVE of Aberdeen, John Conn received his early education there, including an apprenticeship at the Alexander Hall shipyard. He then studied naval architecture at Glasgow University, graduating in 1929.

After further experience in shipyard design offices on the Clyde and the Wear he became a member of the scientific staff of the William Froude Laboratory, which was part of the National Physical Laboratory. He soon established a reputation for his knowledge concerning the resistance and propulsion of ships, and published a number of papers in this field.

During the war he worked in the aerodynamics division of the National Physical Laboratory on the design of seaplane hulls. He also collaborated with Barnes Wallis on tests which led to the development of the bouncing bomb, used to breach the Möhne, Eder and Sorpe dams in the spring of 1943.

In 1945, on the formation of the British Ship Research Association, he was appointed its chief naval architect. He quickly established a research programme covering all technical aspects of ship design. This was organised to bring in all the major ship testing tanks, the structural laboratories run by the Admiralty and Lloyd's Register of Shipping and several universities which had no background in ship design.

He tried to ensure that all this theoretical and model scale work was checked by measurements on ships at sea. Full scale tests were carried out on the *Queen Elizabeth* in order to provide better design guidance for the large liners being designed at that time. In 1946 he was awarded a DSc by Glasgow University for a thesis on "The Strength and Vibration of Propeller Blades".

In 1957 he was appointed to the John Elder chair at Glasgow. With the help of his many friends in the Clydeside shipbuilding industry he raised the funds to build the largest experiment tank available in a UK university. This was a valuable tool in ship resistance research and for the developing offshore oil business. It attracted research workers from around the world.

In 1961 Conn was responsible for organising the first International Ship's Structure Congress, an organisation which now meets every three years and provides the main forum for ship structural design. He was aware that technological excellence was not sufficient to ensure the continuance of the shipbuilding industry and tried to stimulate the introduction of computers in both design and production. Research was begun on numerically controlled machine tools for shipyard use. However the organisational problems were more fundamental and the industry rapidly declined, much to his regret.

Conn represented the UK on several international bodies. At home he was often called upon as a technical assessor in courts of enquiry into disasters at sea.

He leaves his widow, Doris, a son and a daughter.

ALFRED BUTTS

Alfred M. Butts, inventor of "Scrabble," died in Rhinebeck, New York, on April 4 aged 93. He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York in 1900.



ALFRED Butts was an unemployed architect in the darkest days of the American Depression when he came up with the idea for Scrabble. He had long been an enthusiastic chess player and a fan of crosswords and jigsaw puzzles, and with little else to do he designed the new game to be based on knowledge, strategy and chance. He divided a standard playing board into small squares, and cut the 100 lettered wooden tiles by hand. Scoring was to be based on arranging the letters into words, with varying points for each letter, multiplied when placed on premium squares.

But the invention which was ultimately to sell nearly 100 million sets all over the world, and make Butts a millionaire on royalties of three cents per game, did little to help his immediate plight. For nearly two decades the idea was rejected by major game manufacturers as unmarketable, and the only players were Butts, his wife Nina, and a few friends. She was better at the game than he was, once scoring 234 for "quixotic"

Butts had problems in naming the game, experimenting with "Lexico", "Criss Cross Words," and simply "It." Under any name at all, the big companies continued to reject it, and it was not until 1948 that one of his friends, James Brunot, volunteered to make and market the game, coining the name of "Scrabble".

Brunot could only manage to make and sell a few dozen sets a week, and the enterprise lost money until, in 1952, the chairman of Macy's department store played the game while on holiday and decided to stock it thereafter. Suddenly, Scrabble took off. Thirty five workers churning out 6,000 sets a week could not keep up with the demand.

As the craze spread, there was a de luxe version with a revolving turntable, a pocket edition for travellers, a junior version for children, foreign language versions, a television programme, and even a dirty-word variant produced in Hollywood. There were books on strategy, and international Scrabble tournaments.

Butts, who in the meantime had pursued a successful career as an architect, quietly enjoyed his unexpected fortune.

His wife predeceased him.

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NEWMARKET CRAVEN MEETING

THURSDAY, six o'clock. (By Express)

The continuance of fine weather adds to the arrivals of sporting people every day. The visiters continue, however, to be only thorough-bred turf-men. These races have not at any time been attractive to those who frequent such meetings for amusement sake, indeed, from the want of accommodation on the course, it does not appear to be an object to give such visiters much encouragement. The ground at Newmarket is known to be an extensive heath, supplied with one stand-house, and that in a situation which renders it entirely useless; for the running, for the most part, takes place along the flat, at some distance from it. Neither do any persons attend with drays or carts to afford standing room, so that the pedestrians have little pleasure in seeing the running and are exposed to be rode over by the horsemen, from being obliged to mix with them. The Duke of Portland has provided a moveable stand, which is placed upon a cart, but that affords accommodation only on a very small scale, and is exclusively for his family and friends. For these reasons you miss almost entirely from the race-course at Newmarket those crowds of the curious of the lower orders whom similar spectacles bring together in other places; and the absence of booths for their refreshment robs the meeting of all appearance of a country festival.

The number of horsemen upon the course to-day was very great. The Duke of York was on the ground. Betting as to the Derby is in a languishing state. Rufus is spoiling all sport by winning everything. It was strongly expected that he would have been beaten by the Duke of York's Phantom, particularly as 3lb. were allowed because of the mare being untried. This horse has great action in him, but he is a lazy brute. Every thing that he has done has been in the most sluggish way. He takes stabbing and beating without measure.

The following horses were declared winners:

Sweepstakes of 100 l. each: for colts, 8 st. 7lb; and fillies 8 st. 4lb: rising 3-yrs old: Duke of Grafton's b.c. Cramer, by Election out of Sangut ....1: Duke of Portland's c. by Teasdale out of Pledge..... 2; an excellent race. The jockies stabbed and flogged nearly the whole way. This was considered the best race during the present meeting.

Sweepstakes of 150 gs. each: for colts and fillies: Mr. Thornhill's Surprise, by Seud out of Manfredi..1: Duke of Grafton's c. by Wolful, out of sister to Nectar. 2. This was rather a good race: but on the whole the day's sport has not been considered very good. Day, the jockey, was thrown from the horse whilst running, which rolled twice over him ...

ON THIS DAY

April 8 1825

Next week the race for the Craven Stakes will be run yet again — in conditions decidedly more favourable to both man and beast than those described here.

NEWS

Rome welcomes Anglican rebels

■ The Roman Catholic Church opened the door to hundreds of rebel Anglican priests who wish to defect in a move that could herald the biggest schism in western Christendom since the Reformation.

The Vatican said it "has answered positively" requests from Anglicans opposed to the ordination of women. The Italian newspaper, *La Stampa*, which has close links with the Vatican, said that about 1,000 Church of England clergy, including some bishops, wished to defect .....Page 1

General drives to rescue of town

■ In a desperate attempt to save the people of the besieged Bosnian Muslim enclave of Srebrenica, General Philippe Morillon, commander of UN forces, was leading a convoy of four armoured vehicles to the town ..... Pages 1, 12, 13

Class war

Schools face the most widespread industrial action since the pay strikes of the mid 1980s after John Patten, education secretary, failed to pacify unions by announcing a curriculum and testing review .....Page 1

Nuclear cloud

A radioactive cloud from an explosion at the Tomsk nuclear reprocessing plant was moving across Siberia as scientists flew to investigate the cause of the accident .....Pages 1, 14

Early Easter

The Easter break starts early today, with airports expected to be crowded with holidaymakers leaving for the "double" bank holiday weekend .....Page 1

Ulster appeal

John Major stepped up the pressure on Northern Ireland political leaders to return to the negotiating table, reminding them that this was the wish of most people in the United Kingdom and Ireland ..... Page 2

Pop star has HIV

Holly Johnson, the lead singer of the now defunct pop group Frankie Goes to Hollywood, confirmed that he has the HIV virus .....Page 3

Birth damages

A mother of seven won £140,679 damages in the High Court for the bungled sterilisation operation that led to the birth of her youngest son .....Page 3

Security alert

Managers of a company running the first privatised prison escort service have been called in by the head of the prison service after a series of incidents in which prisoners escaped or arrived late at courts ..... Page 5

Suicide enquiry

Pangbourne College is to hold an independent enquiry into allegations of bullying at the private school after the suicide of a 16-year-old pupil. Berkshire council announced ..... Page 8

Tory gloom

The Conservatives have a knack of running into trouble shortly after winning elections and their current poll rating is worse than after previous election victories. Poll chart .....Page 11

British offer ...

Britain offered up to 12 fighter aircraft to Nato to enforce the United Nations no-fly zone over Bosnia. Six Tornado F3 fighters backed by refuelling tankers, will be available .....Page 12

German indecision

The German government has agreed to participation in Awacs missions in Bosnia but has allowed the Free Democrats to question the decision in the constitutional court .....Page 13

Personal campaign

Hillary Clinton has thrown herself into the health car reforms fray with renewed vigour after a two-week vigil at the bedside of her sick father ..... Page 15

Scrabble inventor dies at 93

■ Alfred Butts, the man who made word-building an international sport, died in his hometown of Rhinebeck, New York, aged 93. He remained puzzled until the end by the success of his invention, "Scrabble". The game, devised in the 1930s, gained world-wide fame, selling 100 million sets in 90 nations and 24 languages ..... Pages 3, 23



Moscow memory: the Russian Orthodox patriarch gives communion at the first Annunciation mass held in the Kremlin since 1918

On the rebound: Business leaders said that an "embryo" economic recovery is now under way. The CBI finding that its members were more confident was backed by two other surveys ..... Page 25

Tough talk: Receivers for Leyland DAF are threatening to buy brakes and clutches elsewhere in reaction to a refusal by AP to deliver unless payment is made ..... Page 25

Markets: Shares recovered from heavy early losses but the FT-SE 100 index was still down 10.1 at 2,822. at the close. The pound gained .96 pfennigs to DM2.4469 in response to an easing of German interest rates and was up .20 cents at $1.5135 ..... Page 28

Racing: Jockey Peter Scudamore went out in style, ending an 18-year career with a victory in his very last race. Scudamore rode Sweet Duke to victory for his 1,677th win .....Pages 1, 46, 48

Golf: No prize is more coveted. "Augusta is unique," Nick Faldo and Greg Norman said with the reverence usually associated with some phenomenon of nature such as the Grand Canyon ..... Page 46

Motor racing: When the Grand Prix of Europe takes place at Donington Park on Sunday, Tom Wheatcroft will become the only private owner of a Formula One circuit. Andrew Longmore finds out how he did it ..... Page 42

Hell at No 10: Being married to the prime minister has taken a heavy toll on Norma Major ..... Page 18

Pulling teeth: "I knew there was serious trouble when my dentist informed me that his relations with the NHS had 'been strained'. A few lines lower — evidence not so much of a strain as a bloody rupture," writes Peter Millar ..... Page 19

Favoured style: Wolf in sheep's clothing: a prince's book of rural revolution posing as a coffee table offering — *HIGHGROVE, Portrait of an Estate* ..... Page 40

Not quite a miracle: Steve Martin plays a conman preacher in *Leap of Faith* but the film fails to get off the ground ..... Page 37

Camera man: Sven Nykvist, cinematographer on 18 of Ingmar Bergman's films, talks about his debut as director with *The Ox*, based on his own family history in 19th-century Sweden ..... Page 37

Marlowe exposed: Peter Whelan's *The School of Night*, by the RSC, presents Christopher Marlowe as an atheist, republican and double agent ..... Page 38

Darling Lili Marlene: Berliners have reacted negatively to a heavily hyped new musical about the life of Marlene Dietrich ..... Page 39



Kenneth Clarke has asked for an enquiry into the system of means-related penalties following the case of the £1,200 litterbug fine
Page 7



Joanna Grenside, the fitness teacher whose disappearance led to a police hunt, said she suffered from bulimia and could not face Christmas
Page 3



Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister, was interrogated by the judge leading the Italian corruption investigation
Page 13

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Shutting the stable doors

■ We go on stable patrol with the equine version of Neighbourhood Watch — the dedicated women who struggle against the horse molesters

After the Cold War ...

■ Is the Cold War really over? Why one man intends to battle on against the increasing threat of the enemies within our society

Image of the artist

■ The Hayward Gallery presents Britain's first retrospective of the work of American artist Georgia O'Keeffe, famed for her bizarre images

Sister Gabriel has been in a remote Welsh convent for 16 years. There are signs that she may have regrets. *Body and Soul*, a new drama series (ITV, 9 pm) ..... Page 47

Alas, poor Major

A year ago this Saturday, John Major glowed with the satisfaction of winning, against the odds, his own mandate from the British people. Since then, events — the bane of a politician's life — have dented his dreams. As well as resumed growth, Mr Major needs more of "the vision thing" if he is to regain trust ..... Page 21

Calendar chains

The grim season of gridlock and unanswered telephones has arrived two days before Good Friday. Just as shoppers should be allowed to shop seven days a week, so the system of public holidays needs to be made far more flexible. A holiday spent in a traffic jam is no holiday at all ..... Page 21

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Each nation has a historic anxiety to avoid about not repeating its own painful experiences. Americans fear slump, Russians fear invasion, Germans fear inflation, Japanese fear nuclear bombs and the Chinese fear anarchy. The main aim of the Chinese leaders is to control the pace of that political change. Like all politicians, they want to retain their own power. They fear that loss of political order could destroy economic and social progress ..... Page 20

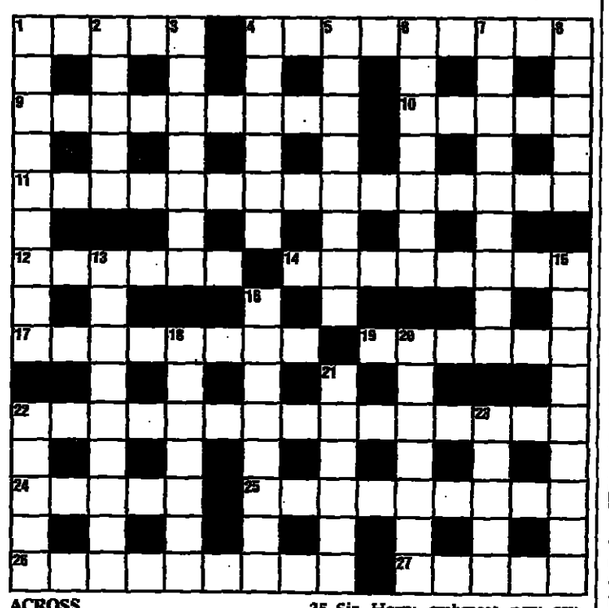
ANATOLE KALETSKY

Falling inflation is a worldwide phenomenon that does little credit to John Major or Norman Lamont. Michal Kalecki, the great Polish economist, predicted in 1943 that Keynesian full employment policies would eventually be abandoned — not because they failed economically, but because they would produce class conflict and inflation ..... Page 29

Growing fears over the standard attainment tasks ..... Page 21

Russia is on the way to holding a terrible and sad record, that of the greatest nuclear polluter on the planet. The accidents ... are due to a lack of security, old or obsolete materials at many of the sites and a dilution of the authority of decision makers if it exists at all — *Le Monde*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,199



ACROSS

1 Sweet nonsense (5).
4 To make mincemeat, you need allow the minimum time (3,2,4).
9 Unusual athlete, a 20th century gentleman (3-6).
10 Accountant goes to a dance (5).
11 Firing a gun in dangerous sport — poor result in an outer (7,8).
12 Speak ill of maiden with dress on (6).
14 Damaged trees had protection against impact injury (8).
17 A number going to a town show resolve (8).
19 Correct grammar but wrong policies in speech (6).
22 Where to draw the line, avoiding extremes (6-2-3-4).
24 Sail back from Cap Gris Nez immediately (5).
25 Sir Harry embraces new sovereign, one who'll clean up (9).
26 Judges convict, presented with evidence about defendants' leader (9).
27 Attractive girl, and modest too (5).

DOWN

1 Island following fliers up? On the contrary (3,4,2).
2 Gets rid of depression (5).
3 Indulge in anarchy, managing to escape (7).
4 Stick around home, like Nana (6).
5 Receipts from sales of pastry (8).
6 Unpleasant person was first amused (7).
7 I am a hospital inmate, suffering from restlessness (9).
8 Strange eastern body of water (5).
13 This is the answer — eighty winks before noon! (4,5).
15 Cooking tray with mixed stuffing (9).
16 Son went fishing, and rambled (8).
18 Person enrolled in college, an officer (7).
20 Bore rambling — eyelid beginning to droop (7).
21 They resist compression from the start, so they rarely use this support (6).
22 Copy operatic heroine, getting cold (5).
23 Monsters thus holding work up (5).

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Much of Britain will be mainly cloudy today, with outbreaks of rain and drizzle, especially in the west and the south. Heavier rain will spread into Northern Ireland this afternoon and edge east across many areas, but is unlikely to reach the South East. Eastern Scotland will be bright before rain affects all but the Northern Isles. Outlook: cloudy and wet tomorrow; becoming brighter and drier in the south and in eastern Scotland on Saturday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	Luxor	31	88	s
Alicante	17	63	s	Madrid	22	72	s
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Majorca	18	64	s
Algiers	22	72	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Amst'dm	8	46	c	Malta	19	66	s
Athens	16	61	s	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Bahrain	28	73	s	Miami*	26	79	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Milan	19	66	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	10	50	s
Barcelna	19	66	s	Moscow	9	48	c
Beirut	19	66	c	Munich	6	46	h
Belgrade	15	59	f	Naples	17	63	f
Berlin	9	48	c	N Delhi	28	82	c
Bermuda*	22	72	f	N York*	11	52	f
Biarritz	16	61	s	Nice	15	59	f
Borde'x	15	59	c	Oslo	5	41	r
Brussels	8	46	d	Paris	11	52	c
Budapst	11	52	c	Peking	11	52	s
B Aires*	19	66	c	Perth	24	75	s
Cairo	24	75	f	Prague	7	45	f
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Reykjavik	8	43	f
Chicago*	9	48	c	Rhodes	16	61	s
Ch'church	16	66	s	Rio de J	28	82	s
Cologne	8	46	r	Riyadh	33	91	f
C'phagn	8	46	f	Rome	16	61	f
Corfu	15	59	f	Salzburg	9	48	f
Dublin	10	50	d	S F'isco*	16	61	s
Dubrovnik	21	70	r	Santiago*	29	73	s
Faro	21	70	s	S Paulo*	29	84	c
Florence	15	59	c	Seoul	6	43	s
Frankfurt	10	50	c	Sing'por	27	81	c
Funchal	17	63	s	St'kholm	4	39	r
Geneva	12	54	r	Strasb'rg	12	54	c
Gibraltar	16	61	f	Sydney	24	75	s
Helsinki	6	46	c	Tangier	22	72	s
Hong K	17	63	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Innsbruck	10	50	r	Tenerife	20	68	s
Istanbul	10	50	f	Tokyo	16	61	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	11	52	s
Jo'burg*	18	64	f	Tunis	23	73	s
Karachi	35	95	s	Valencia	23	73	s
L Palmas	19	66	s	Vanc'ver*	8	46	r
Le Touqt	9	48	f	Venice	14	57	s
Lisbon	21	70	s	Vienna	12	54	f
Locarno	20	68	s	Warsaw	9	48	c
London	9	48	c	Wash'ton*	9	48	f
L Angels*	20	68	s	Wel'ton	18	64	c
Luxembg	8	46	c	Zurich	9	48	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.08in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,014.1 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.7in; highest sunshine: Weymouth, Dorset, 9.4hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.06in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.6hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.2hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.06	8	46	rain
Anglesey	4.6	-	12	54	shower
Aviemore	0.3	0.06	8	46	shower
Belfast	6.3	0.02	13	55	bright
Birmingham	8.1	0.02	12	54	shower
Bognor Regis	4.6	-	13	55	bright
Bournemouth	6.5	-	14	57	sunny
Bristol	2.7	-	12	54	bright
Buxton	6.0	0.16	9	48	bright
Cardiff	6.8	-	11	52	bright
Clacton	5.9	0.01	12	54	bright
Cromer	X	-	12	54	bright
Edinburgh	2.9	0.09	12	54	bright
Eskdalemuir	0.9	0.70	9	48	shower
Exmouth	6.6	-	13	55	sunny
Falmouth	5.5	-	13	55	drizzle
Follestone	7.2	-	13	55	bright
Glasgow	4.3	0.39	13	55	bright
Guernsey	7.3	-	13	55	bright
Hastings	6.9	-	13	55	sunny
Isle Of Man	8.6	-	13	55	sunny
Jersey	8.1	-	13	55	bright
Kinlose	0.1	0.02	8	46	rain
Leeds	6.5	0.09	11	52	bright
Lerwick	2.6	0.37	8	46	rain
Littlehampton	5.0	-	13	55	sunny
Liverpool	7.5	-	11	52	bright
London	3.0	-	13	55	bright
Manchester	7.0	0.06	11	52	bright
Margate	4.7	0.04	12	54	bright
Minehead	8.0	-	13	55	bright
Morecambe	2.0	0.04	10	50	bright
Newcastle	5.9	0.26	11	52	showers
Newquay	9.1	-	13	55	bright
Nottingham	8.0	0.16	12	54	sunny
Penzance	3.9	0.01	13	55	drizzle
Plymouth	4.5	-	12	54	bright
Poole	8.5	-	15	59	sunny
Salcombe	7.6	-	14	57	bright
Sandown	8.0	-	13	55	bright
Scarborough	2.2	0.15	11	52	shower
Scilly Isles	3.6	0.02	13	55	sunny
Shanklin	9.0	-	12	54	sunny
Southend	X	-	12	54	bright
Southsea	8.0	-	14	57	bright
Stornoway	5.8	-	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	7.0	-	14	57	bright
Tenby	1.8	-	12	54	cloudy
Tiree	8.8	0.12	10	50	sunny
Torquay	6.4	-	15	59	bright
Weymouth	9.4	0.01	13	55	sunny
Wick	0.8	0.28	9	48	dull
Worthing	3.4	-	12	54	cloudy

X denotes not available





London 7.46 pm to 6.21 am
Bristol 7.55 pm to 6.30 am
Edinburgh 8.05 pm to 6.28 am
Manchester 7.57 pm to 6.26 am
Penzance 8.05 pm to 6.44 am

Sun rises: 6.21 am
Sun sets: 7.46pm
Moon sets 6.44 am
Moon rises 10.40 pm

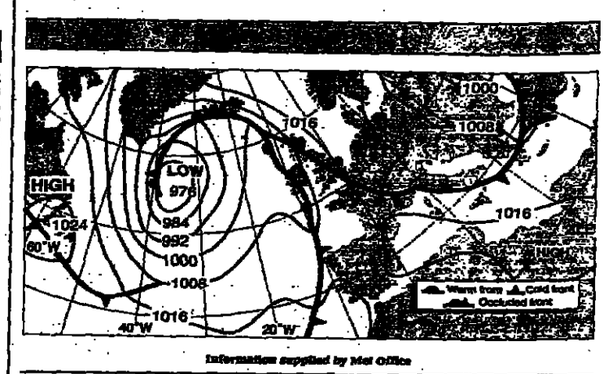
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	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	c	Guernsey	11	52	d
B'mgham	8	46	d	Inverness	8	46	c
Blackpool	10	50	c	Jersey	12	54	c
Bristol	11	52	c	London	9	48	c
Cardiff	11	52	d	M'chester	10	50	c
Edinburgh	10	50	s	Newcastle	8	46	c
Glasgow	11	52	c	R'nldsway	8	46	c

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.27	7.5	3.56	7.5	Liverpool	12.46	10.0	1.07	10.1
Aberdeen	2.57	4.4	3.13	4.6	Lowestoft	11.20	2.4	11.31	2.7
Avonmouth	9.05	14.1	8.27	14.1	Margate	1.25	5.0	2.04	4.9
Belfast	12.38	3.5	12.54	3.8	Milford Haven	8.02	7.6	8.23	7.5
Cardiff	8.50	13.0	9.12	13.0	Newquay	6.52	7.6	7.13	7.5
Devonport	7.40	5.8	8.01	6.7	Oban	7.25	4.2	7.45	4.1
Dover	12.28	7.0	12.47	8.8	Penzance	6.38	5.9	7.00	5.8
Falmouth	7.10	5.6	7.31	5.5	Portland	8.37	2.3	9.03	2.2
Glasgow	2.43	4.6	2.46	4.9	Portsmouth	12.54	5.1	1.16	5.0
Harwich	1.25	4.2	1.52	4.1	Holyhead	12.44	6.6	1.05	6.5
Holyhead	-	-	12.04	6.0	Shoreham	12.44	6.6	1.05	6.5
Hull	9.00	7.9	9.16	8.2	Southampton	12.16	4.8	12.39	4.7
Ilfracombe	7.48	9.9	7.10	9.8	Swansea	8.07	10.3	8.28	10.1
King's Lynn	6.22	7.0	6.32	7.3	Tees	5.21	5.7	5.41	5.8
Leith	4.24	5.8	4.45	6.0	Wilton-on-Nze	1.15	4.4	1.43	4.3

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.05
Austria Sch	18.25	16.75
Belgium Fr	53.50	49.10
Canada $	2.035	1.875
Denmark Kr	10.01	9.21
Finland Mkk	9.52	8.72
France Fr	8.77	8.07
Germany Dm	2.69	2.39
Greece Dr	348.00	323.00
Hong Kong $	12.42	11.42
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.97
Italy Lira	2505.00	2360.00
Japan Yen	190.75	171.75
Netherlands Gld	2.915	2.685
Norway Kr	11.02	10.22
Portugal Esc	236.00	220.00
South Africa Rd	6.08	5.58
Spain Pta	181.00	169.00
Sweden Kr	12.17	11.37
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.20
Turkey Lira	15000.0	14000.0
USA $	1.617	1.487

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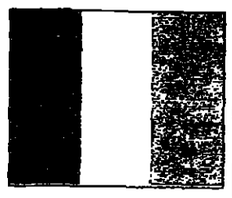
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US $ ..... 1.5135 (+0.0020)
German mark..2.4489 (+0.0096)
Exchange index ..... 79.9 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2822.1 (-10.1)
Dow Jones ...3385.13 (+7.56)*
Nikkei Avg 19829.23 (+342.43)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank 5⅞-5⅝%
US Federal Funds 2¹⁵/₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.92-2.91%*
Long Bond 6.93%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5150*	£:$ 1.5125
$:DM .1.6158*	£:DM ...2.4488
$:SWfr.1.4880*	£:SWfr...2.2499
$:Ffr ...5.4673*	£:Ffr 8.2700
$:Yen 113.69*	£:Yen ...172.31
£:SDR ..1.0805	£:ECU ..1.2578

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 337.15 ..... PM 336.75
Close 336.10-336.60
New York:
Comex 337.25-337.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 138.8 February (1.8%)
* Denotes midday trading price



End of the storm in sight: Higgs and Hill's John Theakston, left, and Colin Archer, finance director, are hoping for sustained recovery

Recovery is beginning say business leaders

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ **Evidence that the recession is nearing its end continues to grow with Britain's top industrialists and housebuilders more confident of imminent recovery**

LEADERS of British business yesterday proclaimed that an "embryo" economic recovery is under way. Confederation of British Industry officials are hopeful that the next quarterly industrial trends survey in three weeks' time will show clear signs of recovery in the economy, with positive figures for actual orders in the first four months of this year.

While the CBI will reserve any formal declaration of the end of the recession until the survey, CBI leaders echoed government ministers' recent optimism after their monthly council meeting yesterday.

Sir Michael Angus, president of the CBI, said there were "more positive signs than negative ones". While cautious about repeating the government's premature optimism, he said CBI member companies were clearly more confident than they were.

There were also indications of returning confidence yesterday from Britain's housebuilders. In Scotland, many businessmen are expecting to increase staff over the next six months, according to a survey by System 3, the market research organisation for *The Herald* newspaper.

An unusually upbeat survey of the house-building industry suggests companies are quietly preparing for a sharp upturn in their fortunes. Gallup, on behalf of *Building* magazine, surveyed 18 housebuilders out of Britain's 50 biggest firms. They forecast that by 1995 the industry could be almost back to the level of starts they enjoyed in 1988, the last boom year.

More surprisingly, a straw poll of the surplus stock held by the 18 suggested that far from the industry's claims to have as many as 50,000 unsold homes on their books, the true number could be fewer than 10,000.

Two big housebuilders who reported 1992 figures yesterday said they hope to buy new housing land while it is cheap.

Wilson (Connolly) is using its financial firepower — borrowings are currently negligible — to stock up on land. Despite a land bank already good for more than five years, the company believes that the land and housing markets are at the bottom of the cycle.

John Theakston, chief executive of Higgs and Hill, said: "We've seen, on a like-for-like basis, an improvement of about 10 to 15 per cent in terms of reservations and exchanges. We would expect to be back in the housing market for a little bit of land if that recovery is sustained."

For the CBI, Sir Michael said: "We have got an embryo recovery — let's hope it goes on." The CBI recently doubled its forecast for growth in the economy. At the same time, the CBI gave warning that the pressures on public spending would not be any less next year. The tax increases proposed in the Budget would address probably only about half of the current deficit, which would mean further spending restrictions — especially on public sector pay.

■ The number of companies going into receivership fell sharply in the first months of this year, according to KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant. In the first three months, 966 firms went into receivership, the lowest tally since the final quarter of 1990.

BAe holding talks to sell 24 Hawk jets to Indonesia

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Aerospace is in advanced talks on a £500 million contract to sell 24 Hawk jet trainers to Indonesia.

Purchase of up to 96 Hawks, worth nearly £2 billion, is possible if BAe is prepared to help Indonesia develop its aeronautical industry, Bacharuddin Habibie, the Indonesian research and technology minister, said.

A BAe spokesman said talks had been under way "for some time", but declined to confirm the number of aircraft.

Any sale of military equipment to Indonesia is politically sensitive because of concerns over the country's human rights record. Two years ago Indonesian troops slaughtered more than 50 mourners at a funeral in East Timor.

BAe is understood to be liaising closely with the British government about the proposed sales. The company is adamant that the training aircraft under discussion cannot be armed. However, Mr Habibie said: "The planes will be used not only to train pilots but also for ground attack."

According to the Indonesian minister, an agreement will depend upon the willingness of BAe to allow 35 per cent of the manufacture of the planes to be carried out by Industry Pesawat Terbang Nusantara (IPTN), Indonesia's state-run aeronautical company. One suggestion is that some or all of the airframe might be manufactured locally.

BAe is already collaborating with IPTN to help the Indonesian group gain a Civil Aviation Authority airworthiness certificate for its 35-seat CN-235 regional aircraft, built in collaboration with Construciones Aeronauticas (Casa) of Spain. Several other areas of possible collaboration are under discussion.

Mr Habibie said: "It is normal that we need more fighter planes for our air force. According to the planning ... our air force in the future [could use] six squadrons of Hawks. That means at least 96 planes."

The Indonesian government has acquired American F-16 aircraft for use as front-line fighters. The Hawk is one of the most successful aircraft ever built by BAe, with more than 800 in service around the world. Indonesia already has one squadron of Hawks, bought in the early 1980s.

BAe is also in long-running talks with India about purchases of Hawk aircraft.

Pacific Asia is rapidly emerging as the world's leading civil aviation market, and several of the more advanced economies in the region are making a determined effort to build up their aerospace industries.

Earlier this year BAe set up a joint venture with the Taiwan Aerospace Corporation, called Avro, to build its RJ series of "whispering jets" in both Britain and Taiwan.

BAe believes the deal will end losses in its regional jets business because it will gain access to low-cost manufacture in a dollar currency country, and should also win increased sales through a local presence in the region.

But transfer of military aircraft technology may prove more sensitive. Indonesia is one of a small circle of states bordering the South China Sea that are engaged in a rapid military build-up which is providing relief for Western arms-makers hit by the end of the cold war, but causing increasing concern elsewhere.

DAF team gets tough with AP

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ADMINISTRATIVE receivers to Leyland DAF met Automotive Products last night after threatening to buy brakes and clutches elsewhere to get round the supplier's delivery boycott.

Murdoch McKillop, of Arthur Andersen, said Leyland engineers "may have found ways of buying sufficient time to keep production running at Leyland in the short term".

He added that the sale of the van-making operation in Birmingham to managers was imminent. Transfer of the operation to a new undertaking would complicate efforts by AP to recover the £758,000 it claims to be owed for parts delivered before Leyland DAF collapsed on February 2.

The receivers' attempt to tough out the dispute came in spite of rejection by the Court of Appeal of their argument that AP had a duty to supply.

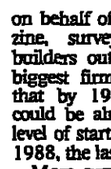
AP halted deliveries on March 26 after the receivers rejected its claim. Other companies, despite some initial reluctance, have maintained deliveries of components.

AP, one of many companies owed a total of £82 million by the lorry group, said that it was willing to resume deliveries of parts provided the receivers paid the disputed sum into court. A spokesman for the receivers said they were willing to make a payment into court, but not on the terms AP was suggesting.

At the talks last night, attended by lawyers, the receivers sought to persuade directors of AP to restore deliveries.

The heart of the dispute is AP's claim to own all parts delivered to Leyland DAF, even when they have been built into lorries and sold to customers, until its own invoices have been paid.

Cheer up, America is set for growth



IRWIN STELZER

Suddenly, America's economic forecasters are turning gloomy. It may be the prolonged dreary weather in New York and Washington, the nation's media and political capitals. Or it may be a dawning awareness of the seriousness of recessions in America's European and Japanese trading partners. Or it may be the growing realisation that President Clinton's massive tax increases will prove a drag on the economy.

Whatever the reason, the cheeriness generated by the 4.7 per cent growth rate in the last quarter of 1992 is no more. According to the two most closely watched surveys, those of the non-profit Conference Board and the University of Michigan, consumer confidence dropped sharply in March, bringing retail sales down with it. Export orders also eased. As a consequence, new orders to factories slowed. And the unemployment rate seems to be stuck at 7 per cent, low by British and French standards but above the 5 per cent pre-recession level in the US. "We're sure not coming out of this recession," moans Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen.

Americans are less happy than they were just a few months ago. One poll shows that only 39 per cent of Americans think the economy will get better next year, down from 50 per cent in January. Executives of medium-sized companies agree: only 44 per cent of their financial officers believe the economy is improving, compared with 71 per cent a year ago.

The evidence hardly supports such gloom. Although growing at less than the torrid last-quarter 1992 pace, the economy seems to be moving ahead. Order backlogs at factories are up, and inventories are down, according to the National Association of Purchasing Management.

This suggests a continued upturn in production, especially since consumer confidence, despite recent slippage, remains above year-earlier and recession levels. And the government's composite index of the indicators that are supposed to foretell the direction of the economy continues to point upwards. More important, corporate profits are up, business and consumer balance sheets are in better shape, banks are lending a bit more freely, productivity is rising and interest rates are relatively low. But unease persists. One reason is the increasingly widespread belief that the Clinton programme will neither stimulate the economy nor cut the deficit. Over 90 per cent of the members of the board of the National Association of Manufacturers (roughly, America's CBI) say the proposed tax increases will hurt their business, and that the planned stimulus package won't help them.

By 1994, $325 billion in planned tax increases will overwhelm the $100 billion stimulus provided by lower interest rates, pushing the growth rate down to 2.5 per cent, according to Citicorp's Dallas Batten. With worse to follow. Forecasters DRI/McGraw-Hill see growth slipping to 2 per cent in 1995, with a possible recession thereafter.

Paradoxically, fears of a slowdown coincide with worries that the inflation genie has slipped out of the bottle. Hourly earnings are accelerating, commodity prices rebounded up until this week and the dollar is at an all-time low against the yen. The core inflation rate (excluding volatile food and energy prices) is running at 4.5 per cent this year, compared with 3.2 per cent last year.

This is doubly disturbing to those who think that Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan is now in the President's pocket, and will hesitate to interfere with Clinton's dash for growth by tightening up on credit and money if the inflation threat materialises. So there is ample reason to worry. But not enough to panic.

The economy continues to grow, and there seems to be enough excess productive capacity around the world to make rapid inflation less rather than more likely. "Unless something unexpected or irrational happens," says Robert Hormats, vice-chairman of Goldman Sachs International, "low inflation is sustainable." But no self-respecting seer is willing to guarantee against irrationality — such as the President's stubborn insistence on raising taxes, increasing spending and unleashing his trade warriors on America's admittedly far-from-perfect trading partners. Even so, at least modest growth, say 2.5-3.5 per cent, is in the cards for this year and, perhaps next.

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Banque Bruxelles settles mortgage indemnity lawsuit

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

BANQUE Bruxelles Lambert (BBL), the Belgian bank, and Maurice Marcovits, an insurance broker, have settled their long-running legal dispute over mortgage indemnity policies on £308 million of commercial loans.

The settlement, the terms of which are confidential, settles all claims and counter-claims between the two parties. BBL was suing Mr Marcovits, the broker of the policies and a former financial consultant with Allied Dunbar, a subsidiary of BAT Industries, for alleged misrepresentation of the facts and unlawful interference with its business.

Mr Marcovits is still facing allegations of fraudulent misrepresentation from Eagle Star, a sister company to Allied Dunbar. At the start of the case BBL was taking action against five defendents: Eagle Star, Allied Dunbar, Mr Marcovits and two firms of chartered surveyors — Lewis & Tucker and John D. Wood.

In January, Eagle Star switched from defendant to claimant when it agreed to pay BBL a maximum of £87.5 million. This was followed last month by an out-of-court settlement between BBL and Allied Dunbar. Besides Eagle Star's action against Mr Marcovits, Eagle Star and BBL are taking joint action against Lewis & Tucker and John D. Wood alleging negligent overvaluation of the six properties against which the loans were made in 1989. The defendants deny the allegations.

Andrew Legg, a solicitor at Linklaters & Paines, the firm representing BBL, said he expected the commercial court case to run for another couple of months. The case restarts on April 20, which will be the 73rd day of the case.

BBL initially was trying to recover an estimated £220 million, the size of the loans reduced by several property sales. The settlements with Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar are said not to have changed the amount but it is not clear whether the latest settlement has any impact. However, Mr Legg said: "There are still substantial sums of money to recover."

ICL dips to £39m but avoids worst of the recession

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

ICL, Britain's second-largest computer manufacturer, did not escape the continuing recession in 1992 without blemish, despite cruising powerfully along under the wing of Fujitsu.

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-December fell 38 per cent to £38.6 million, after £34 million was spent on restructuring. ICL was even forced to make some compulsory redundancies as it slimmed its workforce by 1,200 to 25,000. Further job shedding is likely in 1993, although the group's service side expects to continue recruiting.

But unlike Britain's biggest computer maker, IBM of America, ICL has proved sufficiently light on its feet to skirt some of the information technology industry's deepest problem areas and avoid large-scale job losses. Indeed, some of the labour shedding last year arose as ICL completed integration of Nokia Data, the Scandinavian computer group acquired in 1991.

Keith Todd, finance director, said the bulk of the surge in revenues, up 32 per cent at £2.48 billion, was attributable to acquisitions. But underlying revenue growth was 4-5 per cent, he said.

Peter Bonfield, chairman and chief executive, said both sales growth and profit were achieved despite "exceptionally difficult market conditions in virtually every country where ICL operates."

ICL attributes its solid performance to an early division into autonomous business units and a focus on open systems and solving customers' problems.

Capital spending rose by £19 million to £242 million. Interest payments rose too, by £5.5 million, to £22 million as net debt reached £942 million, or 35 per cent of shareholders' funds.

Both Fujitsu, which owns 80 per cent of ICL, and Northern Telecom of Canada, which owns the rest, remain committed to restoring the company's London share listing in the mid-1990s, said Mr Todd, "depending upon our profit performance and some of the vagaries of the IT market being resolved".

Thanks in part to acquisitions, fewer than half of ICL's workforce are now based in Britain, and almost £1 billion of revenues are generated in continental Europe. Last year, ICL and Fujitsu set up a joint venture operation in North America under ICL leadership, and the two are also collaborating in Oceania.

Mr Bonfield said: "Our relationship with Fujitsu contined to develop well and both parties are benefiting from it." Fujitsu is also distributing some ICL software products in Japan.

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PETER TREVNOR



Expansion-minded: David Parker, chairman, is taking on 70 more employees

Sherwood makes Italian move

By Jon Ashworth

SHERWOOD Group, the lace and underwear maker, is breaking into Italy. The company is buying Lepel, an Italian brassière manufacturer, in a two-stage deal worth £19.6 million.

Sherwood will pay £10.3 million on completion with the rest due after a further 12 months. The founding family is keeping a 25 per cent stake.

Lepel has about 10 per cent of the Italian bra market. The first tranche will be funded by way of a placing and open offer with institutional investors at 145p a share. There is a clawback option for shareholders of one new share for every 14 shares held.

The company has unveiled a 25 per cent increase in pre-tax profits and is taking on 70 new employees at its factories near Nottingham and Glasgow.

David Parker, chairman, said he hoped to expand capacity by 12-15 per cent in the first half. Garment and lace sales are up on 1992. Bra, lingerie and swimwear sales are buoyant.

Pre-tax profits rose to £16.9 million (£14.5 million) in the year to December on £144 million turnover (£118 million). Earnings per share were 11.7p (11p). A final 1.7p (1.5p) dividend a share makes a total of 2.6p (2.3p) a share.

The shares fell 3p to 154p. Sherwood was 1992 company of the year in the PLC Awards sponsored by Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, in association with *The Times*.

Cost control helps Nurdin to advance

By Martin Barrow, City News Editor

NURDIN & Peacock, Britain's biggest cash-and-carry group, estimates that one tenth of independent grocers closed last year, victims of the recession and of extended opening hours by superstores, particularly on Sundays.

A leading supplier to the independent sector, Nurdin & Peacock said caterers suffered severely in the prolonged economic downturn. Despite the difficult conditions, the company increased sales and profits on 1992, achieving higher margins through strict cost control, implementation of central buying and the extension of the company's own label to 1,660 lines.

Pre-tax profits rose to £30.2 million from £27.6 million, an increase of 9.3 per cent, while sales increased 5.5 per cent to £1.44 billion from £1.37 billion, with own label sales accounting for 23.7 per cent.

Earnings rose to 17p a share from 15p and there is a final dividend of 4.16p, making 6.12p for the year, up from 5.56p. Shares rose 9p to 218p.

The group is completing plans for the launch of a new chain of out-of-town warehouses and is considering involving a third party. Sites have been acquired at Wednesbury, West Midlands, and Croydon.

REVISED INVESTMENT INTEREST RATES

EFFECTIVE FROM 8 APRIL 1993

CURRENT ISSUES

	% Gross	% Gross C.A.R.[3]	% Net [2]	% Net C.A.R.[3]
NINETY DAY ACCOUNT Rate increase.				
£50,000 or more	8.05	-	6.04	-
£25,000 - £49,999	7.60	-	5.70	-
£10,000 - £24,999	7.45	-	5.59	-
£5,000 - £9,999	7.25	-	5.44	-
£2,500 - £4,999	6.40	-	4.80	-
£1 - £2,499	1.00	-	0.75	-

MAIN DISCONTINUED ISSUES

Customers holding these accounts can still make additional deposits.

GO DIRECT ACCOUNT Rates fixed until 1st June 1993.				
£20,000 or more	7.65	-	5.74	-
£10,000 - £19,999	7.40	-	5.55	-
£2,000 - £9,999	7.15	-	5.36	-
£1 - £1,999	1.00	-	0.75	-
ECLIPSE Rates fixed until 1st June 1993.				
£50,000 or more	7.25	7.50	5.44	5.58
£25,000 - £49,999	6.97	7.20	5.23	5.36
£10,000 - £24,999	6.13	6.30	4.59	4.69
£5,000 - £9,999	5.46	5.60	4.10	4.18
£1 - £4,999	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.75
POSTAL ACCOUNT Rates fixed until 1st June 1993. (Annual Interest) (Can now be operated through branches.)				
£20,000 or more	7.55	-	5.66	-
£10,000 - £19,999	7.30	-	5.48	-
£2,000 - £9,999	7.05	-	5.29	-
£1 - £1,999	1.00	-	0.75	-
POSTAL ACCOUNT Rates fixed until 1st June 1993. (Monthly Interest) (Can now be operated through branches.)				
£20,000 or more	7.30	-	5.48	-
£10,000 - £19,999	7.07	-	5.30	-
£5,000 - £9,999	6.83	-	5.12	-
£1 - £4,999	1.00	-	0.75	-
LEICESTER SHARE ACCOUNT				
£500 or more	8.00	-	6.00	-
£1 to £499	1.00	-	0.75	-

Rates may vary.
1 Compounded Annual Rate is the annual return on your savings if monthly interest payments are retained in the account.
2 Interest will be payable net of basic rate income tax presently 25% (which may be reclaimed by non-taxpayers) or, subject to the required registration, gross.
3 Rates include a 0.50% gross (0.38% net) pa 'no withdrawal' bonus. Full details are available on request.
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All cheques received after 3.30 pm will normally be included in the next day's work.
Cash paid into all accounts will earn interest from the day following receipt.
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Wilson (Connolly) stays well in black

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

BRITAIN'S fifth-biggest housebuilder has continued to stay well in the black despite the crippling recession in the building industry, which has seen the number of house sales fall by half since 1988.

Wilson (Connolly) Holdings saw pre-tax profits fall from £27.1 million to £16.8 million in the year to end-December. Provisions against the value of land and property more than doubled to £5.5 million, and profits from the housebuilding division fell £7.4 million to £18.3 million as margins declined from 17 to 12 per cent.

But the company is maintaining last year's dividend of 3.93p, which is covered 1.5 times, by paying a same-again 2.66p final.

Wilson (Connolly) is cautious on the timing of any recovery in the housing market. Lynn Wilson, the chairman, said: "Increased house sales in recent months may indicate confidence is returning and, if so, it is to be hoped it can be sustained to allow the recovery process to continue."

Mr Wilson said the traditional "spring run" of house sales evaporated soon after the general election, as confidence continued to be affected by rising unemployment, high interest rates and the re-imposition of stamp duty.



Wilson: recovery hopes

Higgs in red for a second year

By Our Deputy City Editor

HIGGS and Hill, the contractor and housebuilder, swung into a second year of loss in 1992, a pre-tax deficit of £11.6 million that was only an improvement on 1991's £16.7 million loss because of lower provisions against falling land and property values, and other one-off costs.

H&H's shareholders are bearing the brunt, with a 1.5p final dividend and a total slashed from 9p to just 2.5p. George Duncan, appointed chairman in January, said the company had weathered the recession and was hopeful that this year would be the turning point in the construction industry's fortunes.

While the housing division actually increased profits from £295,000 to £2.52 million, after raising unit sales from 235 to 262, the construction side swung from a £2.61 million profit to a £2.22 million loss. The property division saw profits slump from £1.31 million to just £35,000. At the operating level group profits slipped from £4.22 million to just £340,000.

Exceptional items of £11.6 million were down from 1991's £16.7 million, but there was a further £10.2 million extraordinary item from the closure of a specialist engineering business, and provisions and losses on disposal of investments, and investment properties. Under the latest accounting conventions such losses will have to be taken into the pre-tax line.

H&H swung debts of £16.8 million at the end of 1991 into net cash of £4.1 million, helped by cash generation from housebuilding and contracting, and property disposals. Since the financial year end another sale, in France for a total of £8.5 million, has been achieved. Net assets per share were 154p.

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Bundesbank makes another minimal cut

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

THE Bundesbank continued its minimalist policy of cutting interest rates yesterday, despite ever clearer evidence of deepening economic gloom in Germany, cutting its short-term repurchase rate by just 0.04 per cent to 8.13 per cent.

The move disappointed European financial markets, which had expected a more substantial easing in this key interest rate after Monday's very weak statistics on jobs and industrial production in Germany. But continuing frustration with the pace of German monetary easing has not provoked any extra pressure on other currencies in the exchange-rate mechanism.

It remains clear that the Bundesbank's overriding priority remains domestic inflation which, in the western part of Germany, rose to 4.3 per cent in March from 4.2 per cent in February. Helmut Schlesinger, Bundesbank president, was quoted in the *New York Times* saying that the German central bank will only cut interest rates when it is sure cheaper credit will not jeopardise either German inflation or the position of the mark.

However, successive cuts in the repurchase rate in recent weeks seem to have done enough to maintain stability in the ERM for the time being. Three-month French money market rates have eased to 9.01 per cent from 9.45 per cent and yet the French franc strengthened somewhat, suggesting a considerable degree to calm in the system.

Avinash Persaud, senior currency economist at UBS Ltd, said: "The repo cuts reassure markets that German interest rates are on the way down and the pressure is off for now."

"But I still think pressure will return as it becomes clear that the pace of Bundesbank easing is too slow to be consistent with the growing demand in European economies to create growth and cut unemployment."

Financial markets are now focusing on the maiden policy speech of Edouard Balladur, France's recently elected prime minister, in which he is expected to outline the new government's views towards the exchange-rate mechanism and the franc as well as wider economic policy issues. There is also intense interest in Franco-German talks expected next week.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hunting seeks £36.8m via 2-for-9 rights issue

HUNTING, the aviation, defence and oil services group, is raising £36.8 million net via a two-for-nine rights issue at 185p to bolster working capital that is needed for a growing order book and to reduce debt. The group reports an operating profit of £34.6 million (£32.5 million) for the year ending December 31, and a pre-tax profit of £29.2 million, which compares with a restated pre-tax profit of £15.4 million earned in 1991. The year's total dividend is maintained at 10p a share, declared out of basic net earnings of 16.3p a share.

The Hunting family and associated trusts are not taking up their rights, and yesterday there was a placing of their nil-paid letters. The family would have been required to write out a cheque for £15 million, which they do not have, the group said. The family's stake in Hunting will fall from 40.1 per cent to 29.8 per cent of the enlarged capital.

Cairn bids for Teredo

CAIRN Energy, the Scottish-based oil company, launched a £1.2 million takeover bid for Teredo Petroleum, the exploration and production group with onshore interests in Britain and Spain. Cairn is offering one new share for every 11 Teredo shares. Cairn is also proposing to raise £5.2 million by way of a placing and open offer of one new share for every four at 43p each. The cash will reduce Teredo's debts, pay the minimum cash element of the purchase price for Teredo convertible loan notes, and meet offer expenses.

Sketchley buys chain

SKETCHLEY, the laundry services company, is buying Supasnaps, the film processing group, from Dixons for £4.3 million. Supasnaps, with 350 outlets across Britain, is expected to earn operating profits for the year to April 30 of around £700,000, on sales of £45 million. On completion, net assets are expected to be £2.3 million. Shares in Sketchley fell to 96p from 110p. The company said conditions deteriorated further in the second half and operating profits in the final six months would not match those of the previous six months.

Boost for Dewhirst

DEWHIRST Group, the oldest supplier of clothing to Marks and Spencer, lifted pre-tax profits 56 per cent to £6.4 million (£4.1 million) in the year to January 5. Sales rose to £182 million (£131 million) and earnings were 3.52p (2.71p). A final dividend of 0.68p (0.43p) makes a total of 1p (0.72p) for the year. Sales and profits were boosted by the businesses bought from Coats Viyella and represented 33.5 per cent of group turnover. Marks and Spencer accounted for more than 80 per cent of clothing output last year. Tempus, page 29

Brammer eases

BRAMMER, the industrial services company, is holding its total dividend at 13p a share despite seeing profits ease to £8.23 million before tax in 1992 from £9.16 million. Shareholders receive an unchanged final dividend of 8.5p. Earnings eased to 13.4p a share from 14.7p. Turnover rose to £123 million (£112 million) but operating profits slipped to £8.7 million (£9.4 million). Results include the acquisition of Roulement Service, 1, which accounts for sales of £7.1 million and an operating profit of £233,000.

Wardle profits down

LOWER interest rates depressed interest income at Wardle Storeys, the plastics and survival equipment group, whose pre-tax profits fell from £4.4 million to £4 million in the six months to February 28. At the operating level, profits moved ahead 3 per cent to £2.7 million due to a rise in sales in the Technical Products division, while difficult trading conditions at RFD inflatables saw the division's profits fall from £1.8 million to £1.5 million. Earnings per share fell from 14p to 10.9p and the interim dividend is up 25 per cent to 5p.

SEVERFIELD-REEVE (Fin)
Pre-tax: £987,000 Loss
LPS: 6.08p (EPS: 4.18p)
Div: Nil (1p)
There was a profit of £530,000 last time. Group is raising £1.55m through a one-for-two rights issue, at 32p a share. Order book of £8.

SHERWOOD COMPUTER
Pre-tax: £3m (£2.45m)
EPS: 34.1p (24.7p)
Div: 5.25p, mkg 7p (6p)
Final results. Comparative figures are restated under FRS3. Turnover dipped to £22.1m (£22.6m). Fully diluted earnings were 27.5p (19.6p).

MARTIN INTNL HLDGS
Pre-tax: £2.45m (£2.38m)
EPS: 8.4p (9.5p)
Div: 2.7p, mkg 4.4p
Final results. Last time's total dividend was 4.2p. There was an extraordinary loss of £1.18m. Turnover rose to £83.4m (£80m).

BLOCKLEYS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £352,000
EPS: 0.73p (2.48p)
Div: 0.5p, mkg 1p (3.38p
Last time's profit was £1.06m. Last time's total dividend was 3.38p. There is an exceptional debit of £85,000. Turnover: £9.3m (£10.3m).

BLACK & EDGINGTON
Pre-tax: £704,000
EPS: 0.1p (LPS: 0.29p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Interim results. There was a loss of £1.96m last time. Earnings figures shown are diluted. Turnover climbed to £3.79m (£2.88m).

STYLO (Fin)
Pre-tax: £746,000 Loss
LPS: 4.01p (42p)
Div: 3p (2.5p)
There was a loss of £9.06m last time. Turnover, including VAT, climbed to £120m (£104m). Turnover has continued to increase in UK outlets.

OIS INTNL INSPECTION
Pre-tax: £1.4m
EPS: 4.5p
Div: None
Final results. Turnover stood at £46.8m. Company said an interim dividend for current year will be paid after results in early autumn.

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND AND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 179th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held at the Head Office, 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 4th May 1993 at 2.30pm for the following purposes:

To consider the Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ended 31 December 1992 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.

To elect Directors

To appoint Auditors

To pass, if thought fit, the following Resolution recommended to the Members by the Directors:

"That the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year be fixed by the Directors of the Society."

To transact any other ordinary business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

Forms of Proxy for the use of Members of the Society who are unable to be present at the Meeting, but who may wish to vote, may be obtained on application to the undersigned. To be effective Proxies must reach the Society's Head Office not less than two clear working days before the time for holding the Meeting. A Proxy need not be a member of the Society.

H W RAYMOND, General Manager and Secretary,
15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5BU. 5 April 1993

France signals its readiness to stop blocking trade pact

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

■ Despite an accommodating message from Paris, France has a long list of demands and still rejects last November's deal between the US and Brussels

THE newly elected French government, under pressure from its European partners, particularly Germany, to stop blocking progress on a world trade agreement, has finally signalled its readiness to be more flexible and constructive.

The shift in the French position, indicated yesterday by Alain Juppé, the foreign minister, appears to have emerged from talks he had with Klaus Kinkel, his German counterpart, on Monday.

Recession-gripped Germany is pressing for a trade accord to inject fresh life into a sluggish world economy. Despite fears that transatlantic rows could turn into all-out trade war, Bonn this week accused the Americans of trying to "crowbar" an agreement out of Europe without offering anything in return.

M Juppé, in remarks suggesting that Bonn and Paris have closed ranks, said Europe was "in crisis, sick with recession and unemployment" and that France and Germany were bent on finding ways to renew the building of Europe.

In a radio interview, he said the centre-right coalition in Paris is prepared to seek some "form of renegotiation" of accords agreed in connection with the Uruguay round talks, which have for more than six years pursued an agreement on freer trade in manufactures, agricultural goods, as well as services.

France, the European Community's biggest agricultural exporter, firmly resisted the "breakthrough" deal on subsidies to farm exports struck by Washington and Brussels in November, threatening to veto moves to ratify the deal. In the run-up to the legislative elections in France last month, France's Community partners were unable to persuade Paris to change its stance.

But after a landslide victory, the government of prime minister Edouard Balladur, whose political style is non-confrontational, has taken little more than a week to signal a desire for progress on the trade front. M Juppé said the government favoured a shift from a "diplomacy of blockage" to a "diplomacy of movement".

He made clear that M Balladur's intention is to establish first with its European partners the possible changes, compensation, conditions and additions required for a deal on farm export subsidies. Only after that, would ways be sought to end the differences with America.

Paris has come under intense pressure from Germany, with Herr Kinkel being particularly outspoken on the need for France to show greater flexibility, if it expects continued support from Bonn.

Despite the more accommodating message from Paris, the French still have long list of demands and M Juppé reiterated France's rejection of the Brussels-Washington November deal. He said France would still require some "policy of national support" for the transformation of the rural economy, but France did not want to isolate the agricultural part of the world trade talks.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Driving force: David Philip, chairman of Dagenham Motors, is optimistic about the group's prospects despite a decline in full-year profits

Increase in premiums is help to Norwich

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

HIGHER premium rates and the lack of any major weather catastrophes last year helped Norwich Union, the mutually owned insurer, report a marked improvement in fortunes for the year ending December 1992. Losses before tax and minority interests on general insurance business fell from £270.5 million to £17.6 million.

However, Allan Bridgewater, group chief executive, said: "It is only a turnround. It is still not good enough when measured against the amount of capital we have exposed to general insurance risk."

The UK's third-largest insurer was kept from returning to the black by losses from domestic mortgage indemnity (DMI) policies, the Baltic Exchange bombing and its reinsurance operation. In 1992, Norwich made a £52 million provision for DMI claims while the London bombing cost £14 million, net of reinsurance.

Norwich sustained a £40 million hit from its share in the losses of NW Reinsurance, a joint venture which ceased underwriting last month, compared to a £5 million loss last time.

After a year of cost-cutting, including the loss of 1,800 jobs worldwide costing £10 million, and premium rate increases and incentives to encourage policyholders to protect their cars and property, Mr Bridgewater said: "I can now forecast a marked improvement in general business profitability for 1993."

Total premiums from the life business, which made up two thirds of Norwich's 1992 premium income, dropped from £3.3 billion to £2.5 billion. This fall marks the first significant decline in ten years.

Norwich distributed £900 million in bonuses to its policyholders, compared to just more than £1 billion last time.

Wellcome shares suffer as group defends Aids drug

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

WELLCOME shares fell 23p to 698p yesterday after the group replied to a letter in last week's *The Lancet*, the medical journal, that claimed the early use of Retrovir to treat Aids sufferers offered no clear benefit.

Wellcome said the "preliminary data" in a letter to *The Lancet* by a member of the French National Institute for Medical Research and of the British Medical Research Council had "led to confusion in certain quarters", adding that "the manner in which the data was published was inappropriate".

Wellcome urged the Medical Research Council to "release the full data from Concorde [the Anglo-French study reported on in *The Lancet* letter] as a matter of priority". Wellcome said HIV patients and their doctors urgently need all possible information to make informed decisions about treatment.

Wellcome yesterday presented results from five early-use trials that Dr Trevor Jones, the company's British director of research, said formed the basis for applications for wider use of the drug along with five long-term studies.

Wellcome has lodged applications for using the drug in early HIV infections — before patients begin to show the symptoms of Aids — with regulatory authorities throughout Europe.

The company said the five early-use trials, involving 3,002 patients, show that with the early use of Retrovir, HIV-related deaths occurred twice as frequently in patients receiving a placebo, suggesting early treatment can improve survival. Wellcome added that clinical and immunological benefit have been "clearly demonstrated" in people with intermediate levels of HIV infection but who are not showing symptoms. The drug caused anaemia in only 1 to 2 per cent of otherwise healthy Aids patients.

Dagenham profits in reverse

DAGENHAM Motors Group, the London and South East-based motor dealer, confirmed improving trading conditions despite suffering a 29.8 per cent decline in full-year profits (Philip Pangalos writes).

The company, which issued a profits warning last November, saw pre-tax profits slide to £1.48 million in the year to end-December, against £2.11 million last time. Earnings dropped to 5.6p (8.1p) a share, but the total dividend is maintained at 5.75p for the year, with an unchanged final payout of 4p.

David Philip, chairman, sounded an optimistic note on prospects. "There is definitely a lift in car sales. Things look good," he said.

Banks to compete in sale of BT

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

ELEVEN investment banks will compete worldwide for institutional shareholder business in the government's £5.5 billion third, and probably final, sale of BT shares.

The Treasury hopes that the appointment of the 11, in addition to SG Warburg which is acting as global coordinator, will help maximise the proceeds from the sale of the remaining 22 per cent stake.

The 11 are: BZW, Cazenove, Daiwa Securities, Deutsche Bank, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, NatWest Securities, Paribas Capital Markets, NM Rothschild, Smith New Court and UBS.

Some UK investment banks were unhappy that six of the 11 banks are foreign. But Maurice Thompson, head of equity capital markets at Warburg, said the objective was always to have approximately ten banks and "in a selection process it is difficult to make everybody happy".

He said the firms chosen "have built up *significant* bases around the world in order to service clients in UK equities".

The global managers will focus on the top 500 institutions worldwide. It will be the first share issue in which banks have competed against each other for institutional business worldwide.

There will also be a regional element to the sale with regional managers, yet to be selected, marketing to longer list of institutions in Japan, North America and the rest of the world, including the UK. This means institutional investors could find themselves subjected to the hard sell from competing investment banks.

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John Mowlem sells HSS for £52m

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

JOHN Mowlem, after a year of big losses, is selling its HSS Hire Service Group to Davis Service Group for £52 million and says it will now concentrate on its core construction-related activities.

Mowlem reports an operating profit of £3.6 million, down from £19.3 million, for the year ended December. After charging £20.2 million of exceptional items and paying higher interest charges, Mowlem shows a pre-tax loss of £27.2 million (restated £4.3 million loss).

Mowlem gave warning at the interim stage of difficulties, and in September cut its interim payout from 5.65p to 2p a share. The final falls from 4.85p to 2p a share, making 4p (10.5p) for the year. The £20.2 million of exceptionals includes a £4.7 million provision against Canary Wharf.

Sir Philip Beck, chairman, says the HSS sale will cut gearing from 39 per cent to a pro forma 9 per cent. Difficult conditions in civil aviation (London City Airport), meant £4.8 million operating losses at the aviation division.

Mowlem has charged £6.7 million as an extraordinary loss on the closure of the Canadian scaffolding business and the sale of its main US scaffolding business. A further £2.9 million covers withdrawal from commercial property.

John Ivery, chief executive of Davis Service, said the purchase of HSS with a national chain of 206 shops and depots catering for small plant hire DIY market and for the builders' tool hire market, was a major strategic step in the group's further development. The £52 million price is being settled from internal resources and with the proceeds of a vendor share placing, with clawback provisions, at 205p a share to raise £34.7 million.

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Write-offs and losses reduced at Speyhawk

BY CARL MORTISHED

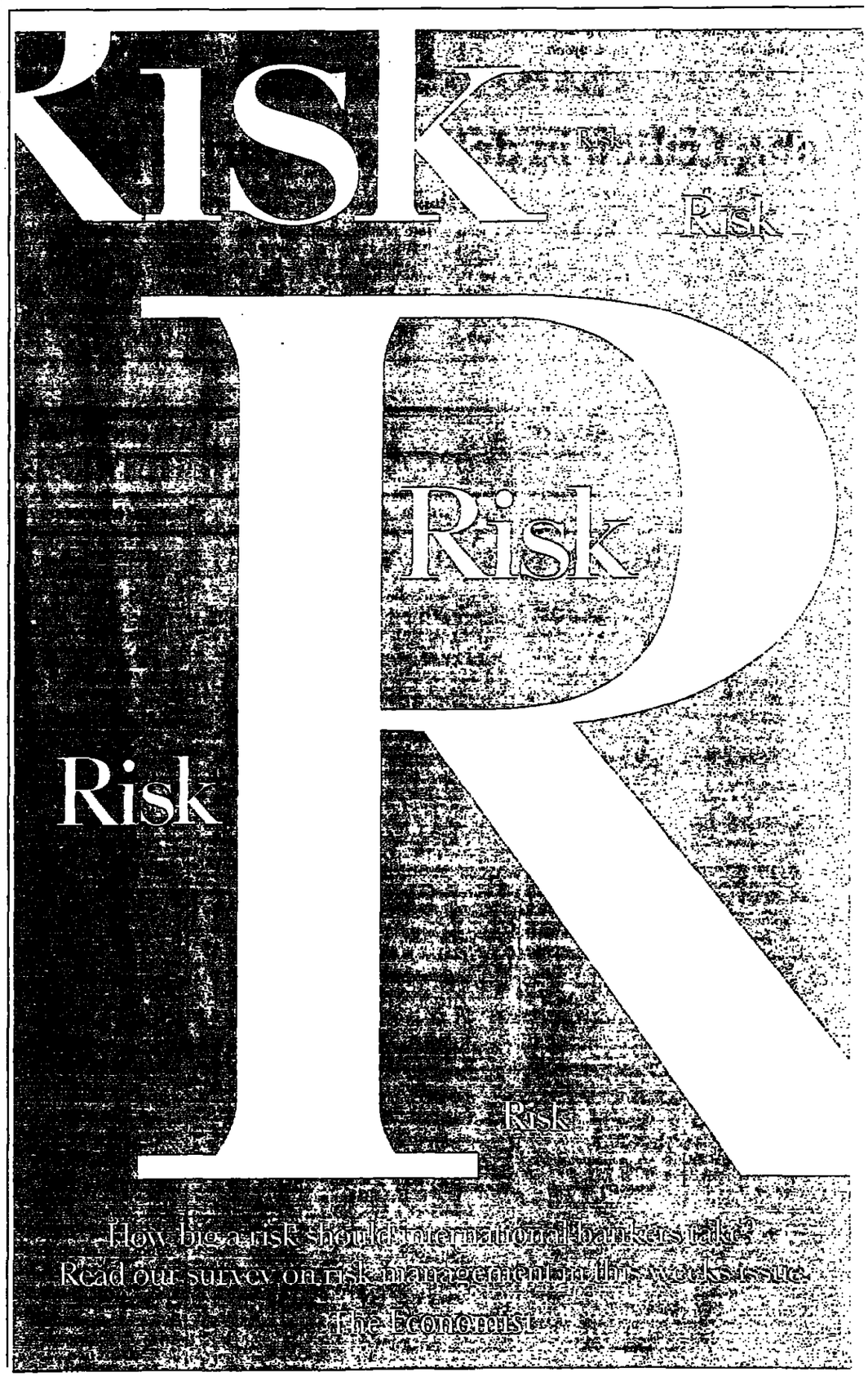
SPEYHAWK, the property company headed by Trevor Osborne and being kept afloat by its bankers, incurred a pre-tax loss of £89.8 million in the year to September.

Speyhawk's deficit for the year was cut from 1991's £217 million but the company is still suffering from falling property values and has written off £67 million, after last time's £204 million, from the value of developments. Turnover was £69 million (£76 million).

Mr Osborne says the company has negative net worth of about £160 million, which includes interest of £22 million on borrowings that are subject to a debt restructuring.

Negotiations with Speyhawk's 46 bankers over the restructuring of about £300 million of debt are nearing completion. Mr Osborne said that the deal would involve debt forgiveness and that the company's balance sheet deficit would be eliminated in order to allow the company to continue trading.

Shareholders will have to wait another two months for details of the group's terms with the banks.



Fewer check-ins book Savoy into red

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE Savoy Hotel, the London home-from-home for the well-heeled American tourist and those up from the shires, is the latest victim of a bloodbath that has left less well-bred hotel empires tottering. The Savoy's parent company, which also takes in, among others, the Berkeley, Claridge's and the Connaught, has declared a loss.

At the taxable level in the year to end-December, the group lost £1.43 million, against profits of £2.27 million in 1991. Giles Shepard, the group's urbane managing director, was keen to point out that this was not the first loss since the hotel opened its doors more than a century ago. But he was unsure on just when the group had last slipped into the red.

"I've a horrid feeling we made a loss in 1979. We certainly made a loss during the war, in 1940 and 1941."

The Savoy and its sister hotels have avoided the savage discounting that has been the response of rivals to the recession. The closest the group has come is in the provision of certain add-on services — Mr Shepard winces at the word "incentives" — such as lifts to and from the airport and vouchers to cut the cost of some London attractions.



At a loss on losses: Giles Shepard views the Thames

This has pushed room rates below those of 1991. But the damage came from occupancy rates, which slipped from more than 60 per cent to about 60 per cent for the Savoy and the Berkeley and to 57 per cent at Claridge's and the Connaught.

Even that was enough to push the trading level to a £57,000 loss before interest payments. But room rates were on the up again in the first three months of this year.

Mr Shepard said the first harbingers of economic spring were returning Americans. London is now, in dollar terms, 25 per cent cheaper than a year ago. Advance bookings for April, May and June were back to levels seen three years ago.

Dividends for the year stay at 7p for the A shares and 3.5p for the B shares.

A loss from Savoy would once have drawn a stinging comment from Forte, which has a majority, but not controlling, stake and has long nurtured takeover ambitions. But peace, albeit of a possible temporary nature, has broken out between the two, Forte, which next week may have to cut its dividend, having troubles of its own.

■ For the record, the last annual loss the Savoy incurred was in 1981, and previously in 1980. 1979 was a profitable year, despite Mr Shepard's doubts.

STOCK MARKET

Guinness flatter on brand worries

CONCERN that a wave of reassessments of British brands may be on the way after recent reappraisals on a number of branded American stocks sent dealers into action.

Guinness was among those hit, with the shares off 14p to 464p. *The move also* influenced by concerns that the important Japanese market is not going as well as had been hoped for. Others said to be exposed to possible brand reappraisals include **Cadbury-Schweppes**, down 10p to 474p. **Grand Metropolitan**, 8p lower at 418p, **United Biscuits**, 6p easier at 383p, and **Allied-Lyons**, 12p weaker at 558p.

Meanwhile, equities continued to slide as investors stayed on the sidelines. The cash market was particularly vulnerable to futures selling, exacerbated by a lack of interest from institutional investors ahead of the Easter weekend.

The FT-SE futures market *headed sharply* lower after some early selling, dragging the cash market down 31.6 points at one stage. But dealers *emphasised that trading* was extremely light, with most investors waiting until after the Easter holiday before committing themselves.

A *positive start* on Wall Street provided a lift to sentiment in London, with losses trimmed in afternoon trading. *The FT-SE 100 index ended* 10.1 points lower at 2,822.1. Second-liners fared slightly better, losing only 3.7 to *3,083.7. Volume was* subdued, *reaching only 508 million shares.*

The drugs sector was in the limelight again. **Wellcome** *came under renewed pressure* after putting out a statement defending Retrovir, its recently criticised anti-Aids treatment, and giving a *presentation to brokers on the* implications of recent tests. But investors were left unconvinced, although Wellcome did recover from a low of 676p *to finish at 698p, down 23p.*

Glaxo climbed 8p to 584p, benefiting as dealers switched from Wellcome and **Fisons**, off 1p at 168p. Fisons was still affected by Tuesday's announcement that it is abandoning research into its new asthma treatment.

BT was unchanged at 428p after government confirma*tion that the third stage of the* privatisation will be held in mid-July at the earliest. No decisions have been taken yet as to the precise timing or *structure of the BT3 sale.* However, as in the second privatisation, there will be a UK public offer and an international tender offer.

Reuters fell 15p to £13.30. The communications group was weaker after presenting to analysts on Tuesday evening, *but it was also depressed in the wake of a recent sell recom*mendation from *Société Générale* Strauss Turnbull.

Worries about a possible cigarette price war in the wake of Philip Morris's moves to cut the price *of its Marlboro* cigarettes in America continued to upset the tobacco companies. **Rothmans B** fell 27p to 615p, while **BAT Industries** lost *6p to 874p.*

Elsewhere, the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) said it is to list eight new *single equity options, includ*ing one on Zeneca after its demerger from **ICI**, down 11p at £11.42. The option on Zeneca will be launched on the first day of official dealings in Zeneca shares on June 1. Other options will include **Argyll Group**, **National Westminster Bank**, up 7p at 442p, **Redland**, 6p firmer at 435p, **Royal Insurance Holdings**, unchanged at 309p, **Tarmac**, *up 3p at 128p*, **Tomkins**, off 1p to 341p, and **Williams Holdings**, down 3p at 325p. All are due to trade from May 12.

But four of Liffe's existing equity options on **Eurotunnel** units, off 1p to 462p, **GKN**, **Scottish and Newcastle**, 5p weaker at 457p, and **Vaal Reefs Exploration & Mining Co**, down £1 1/16 to £33, are being phased out because of *insufficient demand.*

Liffe said it had tried to ensure its equity product range reflected market needs, the make-up of institutional *portfolio holdings and the* interests of the retail market.

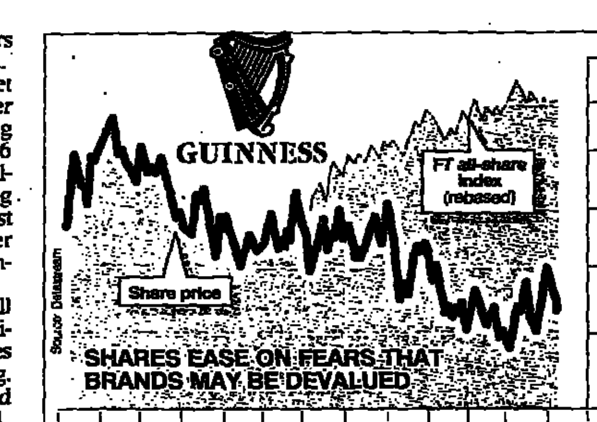
The supermarket groups were ruffled as the market digested the results from **Tesco** *on* Tuesday which highlighted the need for superstore openings to fuel profit growth. **Sainsbury** fell 8p to 464p, *Tesco 3p to 229p*, **Argyll**, the **Safeway** group, 7p to 326p, and **Kwik Save**, where there are also worries over the group's FT-SE status, lost 10p to 742p. **GEC** firmed 6p *to 323p, on volume of 11 million* shares, boosted by reports that UBS and Warburgs were taking a positive stance on the group's prospects and defensive qualities. But **GKN** lost 7p to 449p, on reports of bearish noises from Credit Lyonnais Laing.

Reduced losses at **Higgs & Hill**, the building group, led to a 3p rise to 58p as investors *hoped the worst was behind it,* while **John Mowlem** firmed 3p to 88p, as deepening losses were accompanied by the news *that it is selling its HSS* Hire Service Group. **Sketchley** fell 14p to 96p as it said profits in the second half would be lower than the first six months *of its financial year.* Sketchley has bought Supasnaps from Dixons for £4.3 milliion. **Dixons** firmed 2p to 210p on the news.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Hepworth eased 1p to 339p *as Scott Fulton, at Yamaichi,* recommended switching from Hepworth to Blue Circle, up 3p to 222p. Speculation about MB-Caradon's inten*tions after its CMB sale has* led to a 5 per cent outperformance by Hepworth's shares. MB-Caradon lost 4p to 304p.

News that the offer for 30.8 million shares in David Brown Group was subscribed 6.2 times was a relief to BZW, which is handling proceedings. *At the 170p a share plac*ing price, David Brown is capitalised at £90.3 million. Allocations are to be scaled down. Trading starts on April 15.



WORLD MARKETS

Dow up in early trade

New York — *Caution marked* early trading on Wall Street, but the Dow Jones industrial average managed to keep its head slightly above water. *The index was up 10.8 points* to 3,388.37 and declining shares inched ahead of advancing issues. The long bond held on to its gains, *up 12/32 to* yield 6.93 per cent.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed almost one per cent lower, but brokers said *turnover was thin and there were* signs of support at lower levels. The Hang Seng index slid 59.13 points to close at 6,281.7.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index ended at a new closing high for the fourth successive day, at 1,721.2, up 10.42 points from *Tuesday's close, on firm insti*tutional and retail buying.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares closed lower in dull pre-holiday trading brightened only by Kerry *Packer's reported raid on* John Fairfax Holdings. The all-ordinaries index closed down 3.4 points at 1,654.9.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German *shares slipped amid disap*pointment over the slow pace of Bundesbank moves to engineer a cut in money market *rates and losses among car shares.* The Dax index ended at 1,650.31, down from Tuesday's 1,665.4 close. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Apr 7 midday	Apr 6 close
AMP Inc	60¾	59¾
AMR Corp	66¾	65¾
Abbott Labs	24¾	25
Aetna Life	50¾	49¾
Ahmanson (HF)	18¾	18¾
Air Prod & Chem	42¾	42¾
Albertson's	55¾	55¾
Alcan Aluminm	18	18¾
Alco Standard	45¾	45¾
Allied Signal	64¾	63¾
Alum Co of Am	62¾	62¾
Amax	16¾	16¾
Amerada Hess	53¾	53¾
Amer Brands	29¾	29¾
Amer Cyanamid	50¾	50¾
Amer El Power	36¾	36¾
Amer Express	28¾	28¾
Amer Genl Corp	31	30¾
Amer Home Pr	63¾	63¾
Amer Intl	128¾	126¾
Amer Stores	40¾	40¾
Amer T & T	57¾	57¾
Ameritech	77¾	78¾
Amoco	57¾	58¾
Anheuser-Busch	50¾	51½
Apple Computer	48¾	48¾
Archer Daniels	24¾	25
Arkla	9¾	9¾
Armco	6¾	7
Armstrng Wrld	32	31¾
Asarco	21¾	22
Ashland Oil	26¾	26¾
Atl Richfield	120¾	121¾
Autm Data Pro	50¾	50¾
Avery Dennison	28¾	28¾
Avon Products	59¾	59¾
Baker Hughes	24¾	24¾
Baltim Gas & El	25¾	25¾
Banc One	57¾	58¾
BankAmerica	50	49¾
Bank of NY	56¾	56¾
Bankers Tr NY	70¾	70¾
Barnett Banks	45¾	45¾
Bausch & Lomb	53	53
Baxter Intl	28¾	28¾
Becton Dickinsn	33¾	33¾
Bell Atlantic	54¾	55¾
BellSouth	55¾	56¾
Black & Decker	17¾	17¾
Block (H&R)	35¾	35¾
Boeing	35	35¾
Boise Cascade	25¾	25¾
Borden Inc	25¾	25¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	57¾	57¾
Browning Ferris	26¾	26¾
Burlington Nthn	52¾	51¾
CBS	224¾	222¾
CNA Financial	94¾	94¾
CPC Intl	43¾	43¾
CSX	70¾	71¾
Campbell Soup	40¾	41¾
Can Pacific	15	15¾
Cpil Cities ABC	538¾	540
Cpil Holdings	77¾	77¾
Carolina Pwr	32¾	32¾
Caterpillar	59¾	58¾
Central & SW	32¾	32¾
Champion Intl	30¾	30¾
Chase Manhat	34¾	34¾
Chemical Bk	39¾	39¾
Chevron Corp	84¾	84¾
Chrysler	41¾	41
Chubb Corp	93¾	92¾
Cigna Corp	60¾	61¾
Citicorp	29	28¾
Clorox	47¾	48¾
Coastal Corp	27	26¾
Coca Cola	39¾	39¾
Colgate-Palmolive	59¾	60
Columbia Gas	21¾	21¾
Commnw Ed	27¾	27¾
Compaq Comp	47¾	46¾
Comp Ass Int	22¾	22
Conagra	25¾	25¾
Cons Edison	35¾	35¾
Cons Nat Gas	51¾	50¾
Cons Rail	58¾	58¾
Cooper Inds	47	47¾
Corning Inc	32¾	32¾
Crown Cork	38¾	38¾
Dana Corp	45¾	45¾
Dayton Hudson	77¾	79¾
Deere	54¾	54¾
Delta Air Lines	54¾	53¾
Deluxe Corp	43¾	43¾
Detroit Edison	34¾	34¾
Digital Equip	41¾	41
Dillard Dept St	40¾	41¾
Disney (Walt)	41¾	42¾
Dominion Res	43¾	43¾
Donnelley (RR)	28¾	28
Dover Corp	47¾	47¾
Dow Chemicals	50¾	50
Dow Jones	32¾	32
Dresser	21¾	21¾
Duke Power	39¾	39¾
Dun & Bradstreet	58¾	58¾
Du Pont	50¾	50¾
Eastman Kodak	54	53¾
Eaton Corp	86	85¾

	Apr 7 midday	Apr 6 close
Emerson Elec	59¾	59¾
Engelhard Corp	40¾	41
Enron Corp	60¾	60
Ensergy Corp	36	35¾
Ethyl Corp	28¾	29
Exxon	68¾	67¾
FMC Corp	47	46¾
FPL Group	37¾	37
Federal Express	54¾	54¾
Fed Nat Mtge	78¾	77¾
First Chicago	40¾	40
First Interstate	58¾	58¾
First Union Rly	11¾	11¾
Fleet Finl Grp	35¾	35¾
Fluor Corp	42¾	42¾
Ford Motor	54¾	54
GTE Corp	37¾	37¾
Gannett	52¾	53¾
Gap Inc Del	29¾	29¾
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¾
Gen Dynamics	99¾	99¾
Gen Electric	91¾	91¾
Gen Mills	67	67¾
Gen Motors	39¾	38¾
Gen Reinsurance	114¾	114
Gen Signal	62¾	62¾
Genuine Parts	35	35
Georgia Pac	60¾	61¾
Gillette	55¾	56¾
Glaxo ADR	17¾	17¾
Goodrich (BF)	47¾	47¾
Goodyear Tire	74¾	73¾
Grace (W&R)	39	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25¾	25¾
Great Wstn Fin	17¾	17¾
Halliburton	36¾	36¾
Heinz (HJ)	37	37¾
Hercules	75¾	75¾
Hershey Foods	50¾	51¾
Hewlett Packard	71¾	72¾
Hilton Hotels	45¾	46¾
Home Depot	57	55¾
Homestake	14	14¾
Honeywell	33¾	33¾
Household Intl	67¾	67¾
Houston Inds	47¾	47¾
Humana	7¾	7¾
ITT Corp	78	78¾
Illinois Tool	72¾	72¾
INCO	23¾	23¾
Ingersoll Rand	30¾	30¾
Inland Steel	22¾	22¾
Intel Corp	113¾	111¾
IBM	51¾	52
Intl Flav & Fr	112	110¾
Intl Paper	63¾	63¾
James River Va	19¾	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40	40
K Mart	22¾	22¾
Kellogg	57¾	58
Kerr-McGee	48¾	49¾
Kimberly-Clark	53	53
Knight-Ridder	55¾	55
Lilly (Eli)	46¾	47
Limited Inc	21¾	23¾
LIN Brdcstng	81¾	80¾
Lincoln Nat	81¾	81¾
Litton	53¾	53¾
Liz Claiborne	35¾	35¾
Lockheed Corp	63	63
Louisiana Pac	71	72¾
MCI Commun	44	43¾
Marriott	25¾	25¾
Marsh & McLan	93¾	93¾
Martin Marietta	73¾	73¾
Masco Corp	31¾	32
May Dept St	73¾	73¾
Maytag Corp	13¾	13¾
McCaw Cellular	36	35¾
McDonalds	50¾	50¾
McDonnell D	57¾	56¾
McGraw Hill	62¾	62¾
Mead Corp	41	41¾
Medtronic	59¾	62¾
Mellon Bk	61¾	61¾
Melville Corp	46¾	46¾
Merck Inc	33¾	33¾
Merrill Lynch	68¾	67¾
Minnesota Mine	110¾	110¾
Mobil Corp	71	70¾
Monsanto	51	51¾
Morgan (JP)	67¾	67¾
Motorola Inc	67¾	66¾
Natl Medical	8¾	8¾
Natl Semi	13	13
Natl Service Ind	24¾	25
Navistar Intl	2¾	2¾
NBD Bancorp	34¾	34¾
NY Times A	31	31
Newmont Mng	43¾	43¾
Niag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	71¾	69¾
NL Industries	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	29¾	30¾
Norfolk Sthrn	63¾	63¾
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	45¾
Norwest Corp	51¾	51
Nynex Corp	90¾	90¾
Occidental Pet	22¾	22¾
Ohio Edison	25	25¾

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Oracle Systems	34¾	34¾
Oryx Energy Co	23¾	23¾
PNC Financial	32¾	32¾
PPG Industries	67	67¾
Paccar Inc	63¾	62¾
Pacificorp	18¾	18¾
Pac Enterprises	24¾	24¾
Pac Gas & Elect	34¾	34¾
Pac Telesis	47¾	48¾
Pall Corp	17¾	17¾
Panhandle East	23¾	23¾
Paramnt Comm	50¾	51¾
Parker Hannifin	30¾	30¾
Penney (JC)	84¾	84¾
Pennzoil	57¾	57¾
Pepsico	39¾	40
Pfizer	58¾	57¾
Phelps Dodge	44¾	46¾
Philadel Elec	30¾	30
Philip Morris	47¾	48¾
Phillips Pet	29¾	29¾
Pitney Bowes	42¾	43
Polaroid	28¾	28¾
Price Co	31¾	31¾
Primerica	44¾	44¾
Procter & Gmbl	47	46¾
Pub Serv E & G	33¾	33¾
Quaker Oats	63¾	63¾
Ralston Purina	47	48
Raychem Corp	39¾	39¾
Raytheon	56¾	56¾
Reebok Intl	33¾	33¾
Reynolds Metals	45¾	46¾
Roadway Srves	63¾	64
Rockwell Intl	31¾	31¾
Rohm & Haas	54¾	54¾
Royal Dutch	90	90¾
Rubbermaid	32¾	32¾
Safeco Corp	62¾	62¾
St Paul's Cos	79¾	79¾
Salomon Inc	38	37¾
Santa Fe S Pac	15¾	15¾
Sara Lee Corp	26	26¾
Scecorp	47¾	47¾
Schering Plough	57¾	57¾
Schlumberger	62¾	61¾
Scott Paper	35¾	35¾
Seagram	26¾	27
Sears Roebuck	51	50¾
Shell Trans	54¾	54
Sherwin Wllms	32¾	32¾
Skyline Corp	19¾	20
Snap-On-Tools	33¾	33¾
Southern Co	42¾	42¾
Sthwestern Bell	77¾	78
Sprint Corp	30¾	30¾
Stanley Works	47	46
Sun Company	24¾	24¾
Suntrust	46	45¾
Supervalu	29¾	30¾
Syntex Corp	18¾	18¾
Sysco Corp	24¾	24¾
TRW Inc	63¾	63
Tandem Comp	11¾	11¾
Tandy Corp	30¾	30
Telecom Corp	2¾	2¾
Teledyne	22¾	21¾
Temple Inland	46	46¾
Tenneco	44¾	45¾
Texaco	64¾	64¾
Texas Inst	55	55¾
Texas Utilities	45¾	45¾
Textron	47¾	46¾
Time Warner	31	31
Times-Mirror	31¾	31¾
Timken	29¾	30
Torchmark	59¾	58¾
Toys R Us	38¾	38¾
Transamerica	54¾	53¾
Travelers Corp	26¾	26¾
Tribune	54¾	54
Tyco Labs	44¾	44¾
UAL Corp	131¾	127¾
UST Inc	26¾	26¾
USX Marathon	19¾	19¾
Unilever NV	113¾	114¾
Union Camp	42¾	43
Union Carbide	17¾	18
Union Pacific	63¾	63¾
Unisys Corp	12¾	12¾
USAIR Group	22¾	21¾
USF&G Corp	16¾	16¾
US Life	37¾	36¾
US West	43¾	43¾
United Tech	48¾	48
Unocal Corp	29¾	30
Upjohn	28¾	28¾
VF Corp	46¾	47¾
Wal-Mart Stores	27¾	27¾
Warner-Lambert	68¾	69¾
Waste Mgmnt Inc	31¾	31¾
Wells Fargo	104¾	104¾
Westinghouse El	14¾	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	42¾	42¾
Whirlpool	53¾	53¾
Whitman	14¾	14¾
Winn Dixie	61¾	62¾
Woolworth	29¾	30
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32¾	32¾
Xerox	78¾	79¾

Nikkei rise above 20,000 cheers brokers

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE *Tokyo* stock market *continued its long awaited* rally yesterday, taking the Nikkei average over the 20,000 mark during the morning session and encour*aging analysts and brokers* who are looking for a clear turnround in the economy later in the year.

The Nikkei, which reached *its peak at just under* 40,000 in December 1989, has not closed over the 20,000 level for more than a year. It has suffered from high volatility *and thin trading ever since,* hitting a nadir of 14,309 in August of last year.

The market closed yesterday at 19,829.23, up 342.43 *points after a day of relatively* heavy trading volume estimated at 850 million shares. It continued a trend that sent volume last Friday to 1.5 bil*lion shares traded,* the highest level since November 1989 and six-and-a-half times the average trading volume of the most depressed period from October *1992* to February 1993. With share prices showing consistent signs of a steady strengthening over the past two months, hopes have been rising for an improvement in *the sluggish economy in the* autumn.

Yoshiro Hayashi, the finance minister, said earlier this week: "There are *still some uncertainties, but condi*tions are headed for the better." Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan, said yesterday that "although *severe adjustments are contin*uing in the economy, some changes have begun to appear in business sentiment".

He called on financial insti*tutions to take advantage of the share price gains and* accelerate restructuring efforts by writing off their bad loans. The government's proposed Y13 trillion *(£74.3 billion) fiscal support package, expect*ed to be *announced before* Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, visits President Clinton on April 16, has been cause for cautious optimism in *the markets.*

According to the chief economist at SG Warburg in Tokyo, if implemented as planned, based mainly on new *infrastructure projects,* public *expenditure expansion* and small and medium-sized companies' capital expenditure incentives, the package should lift final domestic demand by about 1.3 to 1.5 per cent over the coming 12-16 months.

Consumer goods shipments showed a healthy monthly gain in February and new car *registrations* were up 3.4 per cent last month, the first rise in 14 months.However, some economic analysts are still urging extreme caution.



Mieno: plea to institutions

Schroders' key role in Greek phone sale

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SCHRODERS and Credit Suisse First Boston have been chosen as joint global co-ordi*nators and international lead* managers in the lucrative forthcoming privatisation of Greece's flagship telephone company.

Greece *is selling 49 per cent* of the Hellenic Telecommunications Organisation (OTE), with 35 per cent of OTE's shares going to a strategic partner, *in the form of a* foreign telephone company, and another 14 per cent to be sold to international investors, OTE's 28,000 employees and the public.

More than 20 institutions completed the selection process, with six making it the shortlist for the intitial public offering, which is expected to take place later this year. CSFB will be the overall manager of the sale of the 14 per cent *while Schroders will* prepare the sale.

Morgan Stanley, Paribas Capital Markets and NM Rothschild will assist in the *sale of the shares to overseas* investors. A Greek bank will be selected to sell shares on the Athens Stock Exchange.

The total value of OTE is *estimated to be about* $4.5 billion. Some analysts say that the price for the 35 per cent stake could be between $1.2 billion and $1.5 billion, although others think it may be below $1 billion.

OTE reported a profit of $250 million in 1991, and higher profits are predicted next time.

John Lelliott in debt restructuring talks

BY CARL MORTISHED

JOHN Lelliott, the private construction group, is in talks with Barclays Bank over the restructuring *of up to* £10 million of borrowings. The company, which had turnover last year of £125 million, has been hit by the construction recession as well as bad debts. Harvey Davis, group marketing director, said that a receiv*er had not been appointed.* He added that a further statement would be made today.

John Lelliott specialises in refurbishment work for corporate headquarters and commercial buildings. Currently its largest contract is the *refurbishment* of a headquarters building for Cadbury Schweppes in Berkeley Square.

The company has also worked on a corporate headquarters for Amerada Hess in Grosvenor Place and was responsible for the refurbishment of Uppark, the National Trust property in Petersfield, Hampshire, which was damaged in a fire.

Lucas sells fluid power systems for £40m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

*LUCAS Industries, the auto*motive and aerospace engineer, has sold its fluid power systems division to Sophus Berendsen of Denmark for £40 million.

The disposal, indicated in December, is part of the company's restructuring programme to focus on its core car and aircraft components *activities. Because of favour*able exchange rate movements, the amount Lucas receives is £10 million more than originally announced.

Transfer of the division's operations in Canada for £7 million of the total consider*ation is still subject to approval* by the Canadian government.

The division, which made operating profits of £900,000 million last year and had net assets of £29 million, distributes hydraulic equipment. The move makes Berendsen the world's largest seller of fluid power systems.

Last month, Lucas sold its *chain of auto-centres for* £13 million.

That leaves the group's missile casings, aircraft windows, de-icing equipment, aerospace switchgear, ignition and wiring businesses still for sale.

RECENT ISSUES

Anglo United Wts	½	...
David Lloyd Leisure (150)	176	...
Fleming Emerging Mkts	103	+1
Frgn & Col US Smler Co	102	−1
Frgn & Col US Smler Wts	41	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	145	...
Motor World (210)	263	−10
Pilot Invstmnt Trust	97½	...
Pilot Invstmnt Wts	27	...
Quality Software Prods	484	−1
Schroder Split Fd	104½	...
Schroder Split Fd Cap	20	...
Schroder Split 0 Div Pf	101½	...
Wts & Value Inv Tst (25)	25½	...
Yorkshire Food (110)	133	+4

RIGHTS ISSUES

BBA n/p (142)	5	−2
BSG n/p (62)	1½	...
Bilston & Bttrsea n/p	9	−1
Clyde Petroleum *n/p* (44)	3½	−½
Cupid n/p (28)	3	−3

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities continued to climb although *analysts said this was more to do with technical reasons* than fundamentals. There were few signs of retail buying although there was some support from *European bond markets and firmer sterling.*

The gilt future ended up nine ticks at £106 19/32, on a relatively thin volume of 22,000 contracts traded.

The £250 million of Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 sold out, as did the £200 million of Treasury 9¾ per cent 2002. *There was also some talk in* the market about the possibility of another gilt auction from the Bank of England next week, possibly for five-to-ten year stock.

Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 added three ticks to £111 11/32 while Treasury 9 per cent 2012 advanced £½ *to* £106 26/32 among longer-dated securities.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103¾	101¾	Treas 12½% 1993	101¾	...	12.27	3.61
100¾	99¾	Fund 6% 1993	100¾	...	5.99	5.70
108¾	105	Treas 13¾% 1993	105	...	13.10	5.60
102¾	101¾	Treas 8¾% 1994	102¾	...	8.30	5.58
109¾	107¾	Treas 14½% 1994	107¾	−¼	13.46	5.60
109¾	107¾	Exch 13½% 1994	107¾xd	−¼	12.51	5.63
105¾	104¾	Treas 10% 1994	104¾	...	9.55	5.77
110¾	108¾	Exch 12½% 1994	108¾	...	11.50	5.84
105¾	103¾	Treas 9% 1994	104¾	...	8.60	5.88
111¾	109¾	Treas 12% 1995	110¾	...	10.90	5.99
96¾	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96¾ ‡	...	3.12	5.00
109¾	107¾	Exch 10¼% 1995	108¾	...	9.43	6.09
116¾	114¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	115¾	...	11.05	6.23
120¾	117¾	Treas 14% 1996	119¾	...	11.76	6.41
125¾	122¾	Treas 15¼% 1996	123¾xd	+¼	12.31	6.54
120¾	116¾	Exch 13¼% 1996	118¾	+¼	11.19	6.58
111¾	109	Conv 10% 1996	110¾	+¼	9.04	6.60
122¾	119¾	Treas 13¼% 1997	121¾	+¼	10.93	6.78
113¾	110¾	Exch 10½% 1997	112¾	+¼	9.32	6.74
108¾	105¾	Treas 8¾% 1997	107¾	+¼	8.13	6.73
132¾	128¾	Exch 15% 1997	130¾xd	+¼	11.48	6.99
113¾	109¾	Exch 9¾% 1998	111¾	+¼	8.75	6.92
		***MEDIUMS* (5 to 15 years)**				
103¾	99¾	Treas 7¼% 1998	102¾	+¼	7.09	6.71
101	97¾	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100¾ ‡	+¼	6.73	6.70
138¾	134¾	Treas 15½% 1998	137	+¼	11.31	7.19
122¾	118¾	Exch 12% 1998	121¾	+¼	9.89	7.31
112¾	108¾	Treas 9½% 1999	111¾	+¼	8.55	7.10
124¾	120¾	Exch 12¼% 1999	123¾	+¼	9.95	7.38
117¾	113¾	Treas 10½% 1999	115¾	+¼	9.07	7.26
117¾	112¾	Conv 10¼% 1999	115¾	+¼	8.90	7.31
110¾	106	Conv 9% 2000	109¾	+¼	8.23	7.24
131	125¾	Treas 13% 2000	129¾	+¼	10.07	7.48
115¾	109¾	Treas 10% 2001	114¾	+¼	8.77	7.59
130¾	125¾	Treas 14% 1998-01	127¾	+¼	10.94	7.35
114¾	108¾	Treas 9¾% 2002	113¾	+¼	8.61	7.74
103¾	97¾	Treas 8% 2003	102¾	+¼	7.83	7.67
116¾	109¾	Treas 10% 2003	114¾	+¼	8.71	7.88

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
122¾	116¾	Treas 11½% 2001-04	121¾	+¼	9.49	7.87
74¾	67¾	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72¾	+¼	4.80	7.03
112¾	105¾	Conv 9½% 2004	111¾ ‡	+¼	8.54	7.98
112¾	105¾	Conv 9½% 2005	111¾ ‡	+¼	8.53	8.00
131¾	124¾	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129¾	+¼	9.62	8.22
101¾	94¾	Treas 8% 2002-06	100¾	+¼	7.95	7.95
125¾	118¾	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123¾	+¼	9.49	8.15
104¾	97¾	Treas 8½% 2007	103¾	+¼	8.23	8.10
139¾	131¾	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137¾	+¼	9.80	8.21
		***LONGS* (over 15 years)**				
108¾	101¾	Treas 9% 2008	107¾ ‡	+¼	8.37	8.13
99¾	92¾	Treas 8% 2009	98¾	+¼	8.11	8.17
108¾	100¾	Conv 9% 2011	106¾	+¼	8.42	8.26
108¾	100¾	Treas 9% 2012	106¾	+¼	8.42	8.28
76¾	70¾	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75¾	+¼	7.26	7.97
97¾	89¾	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95¾	+¼	8.13	8.21
135¾	125¾	Exch 12% 2013-17	133¾	+¼	8.97	8.50
105¾	97¾	Treas 8¾% 2017	104¾	+¼	8.40	8.34
		UNDATED				
48	43¾	Consols 4%	47¾	+¼	8.39	..
42¾	38¾	War LN 3½%	41¾	+¼	8.37	..
63	60¾	Conv 3½%	62¾	..	5.58	...
31¾	28¾	Consols 2½%	31¾	+¼	7.97	.
30¾	27¾	Treas 2½%	29¾	+¼	8.35	..
		INDEX-LINKED				
133¾	131¾	Treas IL 2% 1994	133¾	...	...	0.84
197¾	194¾	Treas IL 2% 1996	196¾	..	1.66	2.40
109¾	105¾	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108¾xd	...	2.07	2.64
166¾	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166¾	...	2.64	2.97
163¾	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163¾	...	2.77	3.05
111¾	105¾	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111¾ ‡	...	2.88	3.15
170¾	159¾	Treas IL 2% 2006	170	...	2.95	3.17
154¾	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153¾	...	3.16	3.35
159¾	148¾	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158¾	+¼	3.23	3.41
131¾	122¾	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130¾	+¼	3.29	3.45
139¾	130¾	Treas IL 2½% 2016	139¾	...	3.35	3.50
133¾	124¾	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132¾ ‡	...	3.41	3.54
111¾	102¾	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110¾	−¼	3.45	3.57
111¾	103¾	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	111¾	...	3.46	3.59

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Takeda Chem	807p (+33p)
Sun Alliance	354p (+12p)
Independent	470p (+10p)
News Intl	223p (+12p)
Govett	260p (+14p)

FALLS:

Reckitt & Colman	606p (-11p)
Allied-Lyons	558p (-12p)
Guinness	464p (-14p)
Whitbread 'B'	875p (-63p)
Frost Group	189p (-14p)
A Cohen	350p (-25p)
BTR	600p (-10p)
Kwik Save	742p (-10p)
Sketchley	96p (-14p)
Capita Group	472p (-11p)
J Smart	205p (-10p)
Rothmans 'B'	615p (-27p)
Securicor	935p (-13p)
Wellcome	698p (-23p)
Liberty Life	862p (-15p)
Estates Agency	200p (-15p)
Lambert	390p (-20p)

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Associated Plywood Limited
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number 2073952. Nature of business: Importers Exporters. Trade classification: 16. Date of appointment of *administrative receivers. 31st* March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: PT Bank Negara Indonesia (Persero). Instrument under which appointment made: Debenture. Date of instrument: 29th April 1988. Joint *Administrative* Receivers: Peter John Robertson Souster and Frederick Charles Satow (office holder nos. 2588 and 8326) of Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST.

Beacon Forest Products Limited
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number 2073952. Nature of business: Timber Merchants. Trade classification: 15. Date of appointment of adminis*trative receivers: 31st March* 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: P T Bank Negara Indonesia (Persero). Instrument under which appoint*ment made: Debenture.* Date of instrument: 8th November 1988. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter John Robertson Souster and Frederick Charles Satow (office holder nos: 2588 and 8326) of Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3ST.

IN THE MATTER OF
GOLDSMITH'S
FINE FOODS PLC AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S. 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 1 April 1993, I, *Melvyn Julian Carter,* of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 5th day of April 1993
M J Carter

IN THE MATTER OF
PATERSON JONES LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 6 April 1993, I Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, *Hill House,* Highgate Hill London, N19 5UU *was duly appointed Liquidator of* the company.
Dated this 5th day
of April 1993
M J Carter

JOHNSON & HEDLEY LTD
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number 1399312. Nature of business: Builders. Trade classification: 26. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 18th March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank. *Joint Admin*istrative Receivers: Patrick Wal*ter John Hartigan* and Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos: 2192 and 6829) of Booth White NEM House 5/6 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, *Hertfordshire WD1 7HQ*

LILL INTERIORS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meet*ing of the Creditors of the above*-named Company will be held at *51 Gray's Inn Road,* London WC1X 8PP on the 16 April 1993 at 2.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the offices *of Haines Watts Insolvency Ser*vices, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, the registered office of the company, not later than 12.00 noon on the 15th April 1993.
A list of names and addresses of *the creditors of the company will* be available for inspection by creditors at 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 14 & 15 April 1993.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, *for the purpose of voting,* secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was *given, and the value at which it* was assessed.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P Hermansson

M & G Hooper Limited
NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to the Companies Act 1985 Section 175 that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above-named company ("the Company") convened and held on the 31st day of March 1993, Special Resolution was passed:-
1 Approving a payment out of capital for the purpose of purchasing its own Shares.
2 *The amount of the* permissible capital payment for the Shares in question is £400,000.
The Statutory Declaration of the Directors of the Company and *the Auditors Report* required by the Companies Act 1985 Section 173(5) are available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company at Palm Street, New Basford, *Nottingham NG7 7HS*
Any creditor of the Company may, at any time within the 5 weeks immediately following the 31st day of March 1993, apply to the Court under the Companies Act 1985 Section 176 for an Order prohibiting the payment.
M.A HOOPER
Company Secretary

NO. 001163 OF 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
RATCLIFFE
INDUSTRIES LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated 17th March 1993 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named company was registered *by the Registrar of Companies on* 30th March 1993
Dated this 7th day of April, 1993.
Messrs. Wragge & Co.
Solicitors of 55 Colmore Row,
Birmingham B3 2AS.
Solicitors
for the above-named company

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No. 002822 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
FAIRWAY GROUP
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a Petition was on the 24th day of March 1993 presented to *Her Majesty's High Court of Jus*tice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is *directed to be heard before* Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 21st day of April 1993
ANY CREDITOR or Shareholder of the said Company desir*ing to oppose the making of the* Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or *by Counsel for that* purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge *for the same*
Dated the 6th day
of April 1993.
Turner Kenneth Brown
100 Fetter Lane
London EC4A 1DD
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION ORDER
Noisair International Inc
Trading as "Nationair"
Registered Number: Incorporated in Canada. Nature of Business: Airline. Trade Classification: 29. Administration Order Made 31 March 1993 Pursuant to a request under s 426(4) IA 1986. Joint Administrators: Roger Arthur Powdrill and Christopher Morris Touche Ross & Co., P O Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP. Office Holder Numbers: 2692 and 2377.

Rule 4.106
The Insolvency Act 1986
Lill Interiors Limited
Take notice that the undersigned, A D Kenningham and J C Heath of Haines Watts Insolvency Services, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, were appointed Joint Liquidators of Lill Interiors Limited, by a resolution of a meeting of the company's members held on 30 March 1993.
A D Kenningham and J C Heath
Joint Liquidators

OLSEN
WOODWORKER LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Haines Watts Insolvency Ser*vices,* 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP on the 16th April 1993 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the offices *of Haines Watts Insolvency Ser*vices, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, the registered office of the company, not later than 12.00 noon on the 15th April 1993.
A list of names and addresses of *the creditors of the company will* be available for inspection by creditors at 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 14th & 15th April 1993.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, *for the purpose of voting,* secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting, a statement giving *particulars of their* security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it was assessed.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
C HARRIMAN, Chairman

Radley Limited
In Administrative Receivership
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general *meeting of the unsecured* creditors of the above-named company will be held at P O Box 655, 50 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF on 8th April 1993 at 12.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
A form of proxy which, if to be used at the meeting, must be completed in accordance with the guidance notes provided thereon and lodged at Leonard Curtis & Co not later than 12.00 hrs on *7th April 1993.*
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers not later than 12.00 hrs on 7th April 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due *from the company, and there has* been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated: 24 March 1993
S.D. Swaden, FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

LEGAL NOTICES

SECTOR LIGHT
DESIGN LIMITED
Registered No: 2284001
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 46(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Panos Eliades and Stephen Franklin of Panos Eliades, Franklin & Co., 6 Bloomsbury Square, London, *WC1A 2LP, were appointed Joint* Administrative Receivers of the above-named Company on 31st March, 1993 by Barclays Bank Plc under the powers contained in a Debenture dated 9th January 1989 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over the whole of the undertaking and assets of the Company.
5th April 1993
S. FRANKLIN
Joint Administrative Receiver

STAFF RECRUITMENT
SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meet*ing of the creditors of the above*-named company will be held at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH on 16th April 1992 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH between 10am and 5pm on the two business days preceding the date of the creditors meeting.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must (unless they are individual creditors attending in person) lodge their proxies at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH *no* later than 12 noon on 15th April 1993.
Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a creditor will not be entitled to vote unless his proof has been lodged and admitted for voting purposes. Whilst proofs may be lodged at any time before voting commences, creditors *intending to vote at the meeting* are requested to send them with their proxies. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.
Dated 1/4/93
Ms Carol Coulling, Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TRENDS PRODUCTIONS LTD
Trading Name: "JAMIE PHILLIPS ORGANISATION"
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 *of the* Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 26th April 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 2nd day
of April 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.L. Phillips, DIRECTOR.

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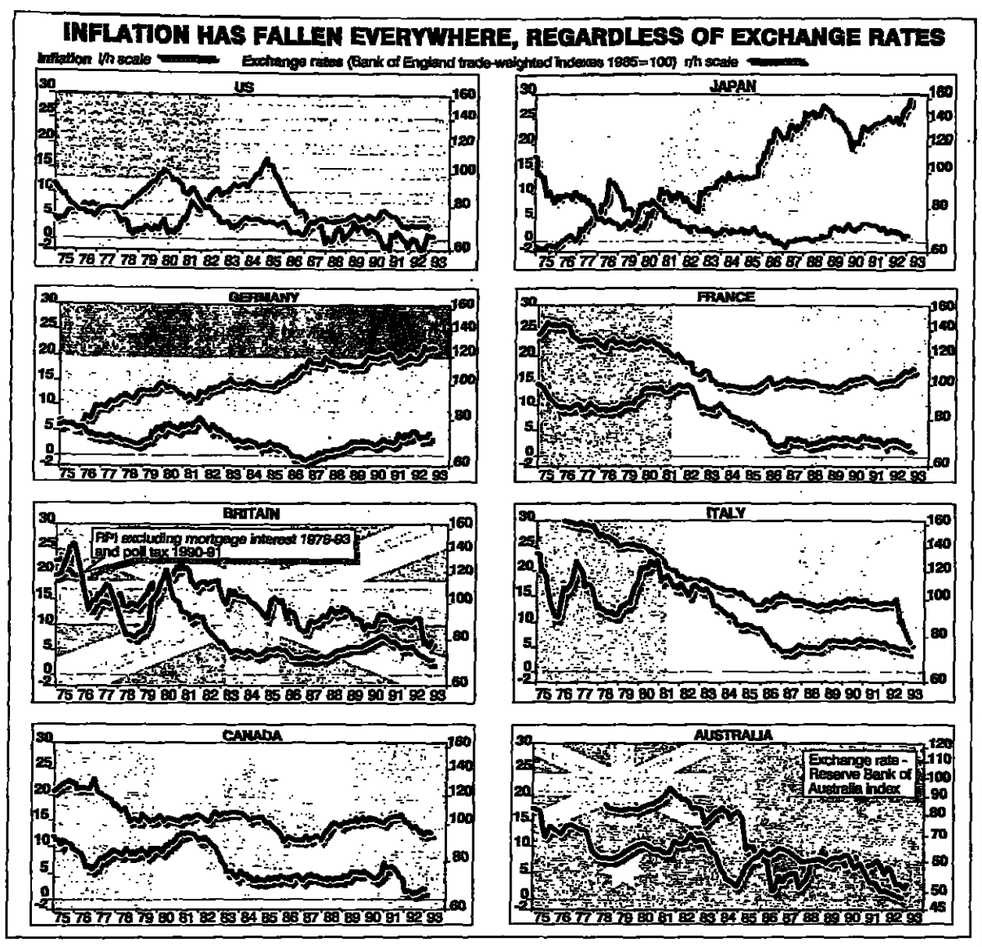
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ECONOMIC VIEW

Generation game can explain world's booms and busts

Longer-term world cycles can paint a truer economic picture than day-to-day ups and downs, writes

Anatole Kaletsky



As the recession has lengthened, deepened, and spread from one country to another, the world has resounded with gloomy prophecies about a new era of global depression and mass unemployment. Last week, I suggested the opposite — that the world might now be heading for a new golden age of sustained economic growth. I also maintained that declining inflation was a worldwide phenomenon, which did little credit to the economic management of John Major and Norman Lamont.

To justify these statements, I turn to two unfamiliar theoretical champions: Nikolai Kondratieff, a Russian statistician who postulated a regular 50- to 60-year cycle of worldwide booms and busts; and the great Polish economist Michal Kalecki, who also happens to be a distant relative of mine.

First Kondratieff. Most serious thinkers dismiss Kondratieff cycles and other long-wave hypotheses as "science fiction", to quote Paul Samuelson, the dean of American economists. Although historical evidence of regular long-term fluctuations in prices and economic growth rates does exist, it is ambiguous to say the least. There is, however, a more interesting psychological reason to take long cycles seriously, albeit with a pinch of salt. Human nature tends to change with generations. Thus it would not be surprising if similar social trends, political blunders and financial bubbles were repeated in every second generation.

In terms of a 60-year cycle, the worldwide economic slump from 1990 onwards fits well with the depression that started in 1930. But like most economic theories, the Kondratieff cycle is capable of giving diametrically opposite forecasts, depending on how it is used and by whom. While a 60-year cycle might suggest another decade of gloom, a cycle of 50 years or slightly less would present a different prospect. Perhaps the true analogies for the financial and economic crises of the late 1920s and early 1930s were to be found in the mid-1970s and early 1980s. In that case, a Kondratieff world would now be on the point of emerging from a decade of economic convalescence and political trauma like the decade from 1935 to 1945.

A shorter cycle of 45 years would fit recent history even better. The asset inflation and financial meltdown of 1929 would then match the global commodity inflation that culminated with the worldwide stock market crash of 1974. The end of the second world war would correlate perfectly with the collapse of communism in 1989-90. The economic chaos in eastern Europe and Russia would be the counterpart of the post-war hyperinflation in Germany and Italy. The economic recovery of 1993 in America and Britain would be analogous to the start of the long post-war boom. To suggest Kondratieff-type generational changes could have accelerated from 50 to 45 years is not far-fetched, given the pace of technology and the spread of mass education and information since the war. But simply bandying dates about is just a game with no greater analytical value than science fiction, as Samuelson said. What can make long-cycle concepts valuable is if they draw attention to political and social changes overlooked by economists preoccupied with forecasting growth, inflation or unemployment next year. This brings me to Michal Kalecki.

Kalecki, who worked at Oxford in the late 1930s while Keynes was working at Cambridge, developed most of the concepts of Keynesian demand management independently of Keynes. His even more remarkable contribution was made in the 1940s but was so far-sighted that it was widely ignored. While conventional economists were still arguing over whether the world could be stopped from slipping back into depression after the war, Kalecki maintained that creating full employment was now a technically trivial problem. By applying the new understanding of demand management, governments would have no technical difficulty in ensuring rapid growth and banishing unemployment. But as early as 1943, in a prophetic paper, *Political Aspects of Full Employment*, Kalecki predicted that full employment policies would ultimately be abandoned — not because they failed economically, but because they would gradually lead to wage inflation and social conflict. Eventually, there would be a political backlash and high unemployment would again be accepted throughout the capitalist world as an inevitable fact of life.

Kalecki was able to predict the demise of Keynesian economics 30 years before the event by applying a mode of analysis that most conventional economists rejected: Marxism. Kalecki argued that unemployment was a necessary discipline in any class-based capitalist economy. Without unemployment, inevitable tensions over income distribution between labour and capital would explode into open conflict. The government, whose main responsibility is always to preserve existing social relations, even if it does not openly favour the capitalist class, would be forced to create unemployment as a deliberate act of policy.

Where, then, are my reasons for hope? Kalecki's class conflict reached its climax around the world in the mid-to late-1970s. Just as Kalecki predicted, the strikes and wage inflation were preceded by social dislocation, ranging from hippies and Black Panthers in America to striking mineworkers in Britain. The outbreak of class conflict was followed by the abandonment of full employment policies. The mid-1970s saw a kind of extended class conflict on the geopolitical stage, with struggles over global income distribution between Opec, industrialised countries and the dispossessed commodity producers of the Third World.

As Kalecki expected, these struggles were all ultimately won by the capitalist countries and, within these countries, by the capitalist classes. But what Kalecki, who remained a Marxist at heart, failed to foresee was that the process of class struggle would lead not to the radicalisation of the proletariat, but its gradual absorption into the capitalist class. Globally, once-radical Third World and communist governments are vying to adopt capitalist models. At home in Britain, there are now more individual shareholders than members of trades unions.

To discern the full economic consequences of these extraordinary transformations would require my distant cousin's genius and insight. But it does seem certain that the great inflations and economic crises of the 1970s and early 1980s are a thing of the past.

TEMPUS

Telecom tactics

THE Treasury's decision to set up a competitive syndicate of 11 global managers to sell the third tranche of BT stock this summer shows how desperate it is to wring every last penny out of the privatisation to fill the public sector deficit. In the past, privatisation syndicates have been cosy affairs, with a team of securities houses given exclusive rights to sell stock to the major institutions in their own region. The new system, which has always been common practice on Wall Street, means that the 11 managers can try to capture business from any of the world's 500 leading institutions.

The risk of the new system is that it could deteriorate into a global free-for-all. The increase in call volumes might by good for BT, but institutions could become so sick or confused about a daily hard-sell from 11 different investment houses that they might shun the offer entirely. SG Warburg has tried to limit the danger by limiting the managers to their respective regions for the initial stages of the offer. After that, anything goes.

The Treasury hopes the new approach will generate additional bids and narrow the discount on the £5.7 billion offer. This was a modest 12p, or 3.5 per cent in BT2, including the time value of the part-paid issue. The managers will have to be convincing to improve that figure, particularly since domestic institutions are committing their cashflow to the gilt auctions.

The funding programme also restricts the offer's timing. The consequences for missing a July date are unappealing. The summer holidays would intervene and delay the offer until October. By then the Bank of England's gilt sales may be in full swing.

Mowlem/Davis

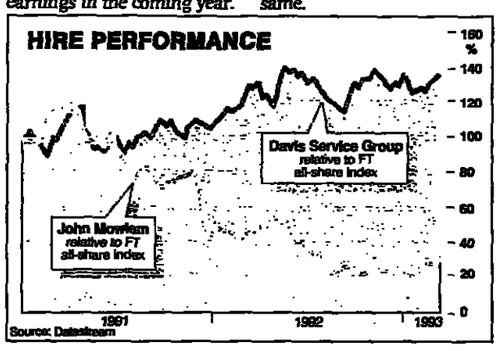
WHETHER buying or selling a business, Mowlem just cannot get it right. First it winds up with an airport; now it has sold one of its few operations with reasonable short-term recovery prospects.

Until recently, Mowlem had described HSS Hire Service Group as one of its best businesses; now it has been sold at the bottom of the cycle because the group has insufficient funds to invest in it. Restructuring in a buyers' market can be painful. Mowlem would have been better advised to scale back its other property and housing interests and put the money in HSS. After all, the hire business made pre-tax profits of £14.5 million only three years ago. Instead, Mowlem is left with an unattractive mix of businesses — contracting, scaffolding, property and a loss-making airport — whose prospects look bleak.

Shareholders would have been more relieved if the group had managed to sell London City Airport, still well short of the passenger throughput target it needs to break even. At least gearing falls from 39 to 9 per cent.

But Mowlem's loss is Davis's gain. It has acquired a sound business with similar characteristics to its existing operations for a reasonable price, which will not dilute earnings in the coming year.

The company's shares have outperformed the market by almost 40 per cent in the last two years, but are still trading on a reasonable 15 times forecast earnings. Davis has weathered the recession well, despite difficult conditions in its markets, and should be quite capable of improving profits at HSS with or without recovery. Unfortunately for Mowlem shareholders, their company cannot say the same.



ICL

ICL may be the last profitable leading computer group in Europe, but the chances of its returning to the stock market in 1995, as promised three years ago, are looking increasingly remote.

Try as it might, the group could never hope to be immune from the turmoil in the global computer industry. A 38 per cent fall in profits to £38.6 million would have been nearer 50 per cent without a £9 million contribution from acquisitions. This follows a similar fall in 1991.

This is not to detract from the company's achievements: ICL achieved 5 per cent organic growth last year, by offering specialised products to specialised industries such as retailing and financial services. By contrast, Fujitsu, ICL's 80 per cent owner, estimates a Y20 billion (£116 million) loss last year.

Nevertheless, declining earnings mean ICL is in no state to rejoin the market. The 1995 flotation date is likely to slip at least a year and the plan to offer shares at a minimum of 225p is out of reach. This is a pity since ICL's debts are rising, with interest cover of less than three times in 1992. Some fresh equity would be useful.

Higgs and Hill

WHEN the dinosaurs died out, so the theory goes, the small mammals survived by hibernating. The same is happening nowadays in the battered construction sector. While the giants flounder towards extinction, smaller animals like Higgs and Hill retreat to their nests to wait it out. A programme of asset sales that helped turn debts of almost £17 million into net cash of £4 million by the end of 1992 is continuing, and the proceeds should keep the group cash-neutral despite an expected large outflow from contracting until it is safe to reinvest again.

Nothing demonstrates the razor-thin margins the industry is suffering better than H&H's £340,000 trading profit last year on turnover not far short of £300 million. Although the affair of Berkeley Group's botched stake-building in January has done the shares no harm, the wait for recovery could be long.

Dewhirst

COMPANIES that agonise before cutting their dividend should take note of the powerful recovery at Dewhirst, the clothing and toiletries group. The company was hit at the start of the recession, profits almost halved and the dividend was reduced for the first time in its 72-year history.

Dewhirst used the additional cash freed by the cut to buy a ladieswear business from Coats Viyella. This, and tight management, gave the business the impetus it needed. Sterling's devaluation has given Dewhirst's home-produced garments a strong price advantage and this year the City expects profits and dividends to return to record levels. With net cash of £6.5 million, Dewhirst has scope to buy less far-sighted rivals.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Telethon for Sargent fund

CITY brokers separated from their dealing screens and suffering withdrawal symptoms this Easter Sunday are being urged to put their talents to charitable use for the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children by answering telephones at Classic FM's headquarters in Camden Town. The commercial radio station has organised a telethon appeal to coincide with the silver jubilee of the charity, which gives money to those under 21 suffering from cancer, leukaemia and Hodgkin's disease. Sylvia Darley, the charity's founder and the great conductor's former manager, says she hopes to raise at least £150,000 from the telethon to fund a third holiday house for young cancer victims and their families. "We desperately need communicators who can enjoy making markets in healthy donations," she says, adding that she needs nine more volunteers for the peak hours of 3pm to 7pm, and at least eight more to fill the hours up to midnight. Those with altruistic spirit should call 071-937 4548 for a rota.

Dress code

CHAIRMEN who insist on shareholders being attired properly for the annual meeting should select venues with a strict dress code. Ken Maud, chairman of Peek, the traffic systems and measurement group, writes as follows about the April 29 meeting. "May I respectfully remind shareholders of the dress code of The Royal Automobile Club, which requires gentlemen to wear jackets and tie." Lucky Maud did not pick a club where women might have been been refused entrance, or been required to use a different entrance to men. And what about national dress?

Johnston bows out

THE Lloyd's of London insurance market will be a little less secure today (if that were possible) with the retirement, after 40 years in the business, of Ken Johnston, the broker affectionately known as "belt and braces". Johnston, 62, was a senior executive with broker C. T. Bowring for 28 years before becoming a founder member of Jenner Fenton Slade 12 years ago. "He is much loved and will be sorely missed, if only for his rather appalling turn of phrase," Michael Jenner, chairman of JFS, says. "He never understood computers, always preferring pen and ink to craft the highest quality of policy wordings for his corporate clients, where 'apple for apple' situations could leave one 'swinging from the chandeliers'." Johnston, who specialised in oil and energy, will be celebrating his retirement with a dinner at the Dukes Hotel in St James today.

SPOTTED in the City: A black transit van bearing the words "Chanel parfums". Its registration number? NO5.

Shenkman's role

MICHAEL Heseltine's plan to persuade City firms to part with 100 senior executives to help Britain's export prospects has coincided with a restructuring of Kleinwort Benson's Tokyo branch. Gregory Shenkman, who relinquishes his position as managing director and general manager, has been seconded to the DTI for a year to help British companies active in Asian markets. Shenkman, a corporate financier who worked at Swiss Bank Corporation and First Boston before joining Kleinwort in 1990, begins his task under the Export Promoters' Initiative this month, when Lord Trenchard, a director of corporate finance in London, flies to Tokyo as the firm's "senior representative". Kleinwort has divided Shenkman's job in two, with Lord Trenchard in the diplomat's role and Mario Malt, head of Tokyo equities, taking the duties of general manager. Kleinwort seemed unsure what Shenkman will be doing when his secondment ends: "It's not clear yet. Corporate finance, probably," said a spokesman.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK



"Looks as if you might have Wellcome shares"

BUSINESS LETTER

Oil tax reform will cost UK billions

From Mr Ian Norbury

Sir, You will not have failed to note the incredulity and dismay with which oil companies, oil-related service companies and many independent commentators have responded to the Chancellor's proposed oil taxation reforms. The oil companies, pointing to likely job losses and premature curtailment of exploration, were accused by Cabinet ministers and Treasury officials of scare-mongering.

However, in a press statement on Wednesday the Treasury admitted that industry fears were well founded ("Tax move threatens oil jobs", April 1). The Treasury estimates 10,000 job losses across the sector and a 50 per cent reduction in exploration activity in the North Sea. Let us examine what the tax changes mean for Britain.

Current investment by the offshore oil and gas industry, at £5-6 billion annually, represents 25 per cent of the total UK manufacturing and extraction investment. The immediate result of the proposed tax reforms will be a cut in exploration drilling amounting to a reduction in investment of close to £1 billion per annum. In the short term, oil companies, drilling contractors and the myriad of small companies that service and supply the oil industry will be forced to shed jobs. The effect on communities such as Aberdeen, where many companies are based, could be catastrophic. In the longer term, annual investments will be reduced by £2.5 billion as fewer discoveries are made and the decline of field development-related industries sets in.

The economic effects will be disastrous: job losses of at least 10,000 and, contrary to Treasury expectations, between £2 billion and £4 billion less revenue to the Exchequer coupled with an adverse effect on the balance of payments to the tune of £20 billion over 5 years.

The productive life of the North Sea will be shortened, even though the government itself estimates as much oil is yet to be discovered as has already been produced, leaving much of Britain's oil and gas resources in the ground. The UK reserves base and production levels will decline sharply, leading to greater dependence on imported oil and gas.

The broad thrust of the Chancellor's proposals is not in the nation's best interests. It is too early to abandon the North Sea as an exploration province. Yet, in the less fiscally attractive environment that will now prevail, the very real and disturbing scenario is that profits generated in the North Sea will not be reinvested into UK industry but will be diverted overseas.

There has been much discussion of winners and losers from the proposed reforms. The majority of oil companies, by curtailing exploration, will register higher profit levels. Ultimately, the only loser will be Britain as profits are reinvested elsewhere resulting in emasculation of a vital industry.

Yours faithfully,
IAN NORBURY,
UK Exploration Manager,
Amerada Hess Limited,
47 Parkside Drive,
Watford,
Herts.

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Anyone who is serious about their cooking will appreciate the combination of quality and design achieved in the legendary Sabatier knives on offer today.

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20cm/8" Cooks knife
20cm/8" Carving knife
15cm/6" Cooks knife
11.5cm/4½" Steak knife
9cm/3½" Paring knife

Choose between a 3- or 5-piece set. The 3-piece set for £22.95 comprises a 3½" paring knife, a 6" and an 8" cook's knife. A 4½" steak knife and an 8" carving knife complete the 5-piece set for £34.95. At these affordable prices why be content with anything less? Both prices include delivery and you can claim a refund within 7 days if not completely satisfied.

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0345 717373				
Masterfrust	112.40	120.60	-0.10	1.04
International	84.57	89.96	-0.15	1.00
Dividend Gth	56.13	59.71	-0.34	4.71
Global Gth Sec	61.09	64.98	+0.13	2.06
Ethical Growth	65.66	67.72	-0.18	2.58
High Inc Equity	146.70	156.00*	-0.80	5.10
Worldwide Bond	260.10	275.50	-0.60	4.39
Gilts Fixed Inc	130.30	138.10†	-0.20	5.96
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ				
0224 633070				
Dealing: 0800 833580				
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ				
071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	41.73	44.07*	-0.21	1.92
European	79.15	83.77	-0.41	
European Inc	76.40	81.49*	-0.27	1.84
Exempt	872.50	900.50*	-5.80	3.41
Extra Inc	41.79	45.47	-0.10	5.53
F East Emerg Ec	79.74	85.84	-0.36	0.75
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL				
0793 514514				
Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	364.80	389.90*	-0.70	4.31
Equity Inc	205.50	219.60*	-0.60	4.15
High Yield	229.30	245.10	-0.40	4.24
Balanced	621.40	664.30	-0.10	2.92
American Inc	47.75	51.04	-0.01	3.25
Wld Asset Val	38.33	40.97	-0.08	2.00
Japan	177.00	188.60	+2.80	0.01
Secs of Am	401.80	427.60	-0.90	0.47
AXA EQUITY & LAW				
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD				
0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	304.90	324.40	-2.90	2.96
-do- Inc	218.50	232.50	-1.70	2.96
Higher Inc Acc	558.50	594.20	-1.90	3.80
-do- Inc	344.60	366.60	-1.10	3.80
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	175.50	185.30*	-0.30	6.06
-do- Inc	92.01	97.17†	-0.19	6.06
Nth America	244.50	260.20	-4.20	..
Far East	279.80	296.80	-2.80	0.19
Europe	216.00	229.80*	-0.80	1.02
General Inc	413.30	439.70†	-2.60	2.52
-do- Acc	453.70	482.70*	-2.90	2.52
Brit Excell	61.75	65.70	-0.55	2.57
Brit Fndmtls Inc	64.79	68.93*	-0.06	5.06
Brit Fndmtls Acc	83.52	88.86*	-0.07	5.06
Global Opps	69.44	73.85	-0.32	..
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15				
081 534 5544				
Capital	103.60	110.90	-0.50	3.14
Euro Gth Inc	111.60	118.30	-0.40	1.00
Extra Inc	100.90	107.90*	-0.30	5.48
General	233.00	249.20†	-1.00	3.46
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.06	60.04*	-0.01	5.63
Income	466.30	494.30	-1.30	4.99
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
081 658 9002				
American Gth	85.10	90.59	-1.27	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	112.50	121.10	-1.00	..
Convertibles	51.63	55.21†	-0.14	6.90
Eastern	169.40	182.10	+0.20	1.60
Equity Income	80.75	85.90	-0.27	6.20
European Gth	226.80	241.20	-0.90	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	148.60	158.40	-0.90	1.90
Exempt	80.73	82.93	-1.11	2.60
German Growth	54.67	58.33	-0.04	0.70
Global Growth	105.60	112.60	-0.80	.
Japan Growth	186.40	199.90	+2.40	..
Japan Sunrise	155.70	166.10	+2.30	..
Portfolio	114.60	122.60*	-0.70	3.20
-do- Acc	204.20	218.60*	-1.10	3.20
UK Growth	78.05	83.03	-0.43	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	75.98	54.47	-0.23	1.90
Select Managers	61.53	65.97*	-0.23	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	101.47	108.51	-0.50	1.87
-do- Inc	92.25	98.66*	-0.45	1.87
Global Bond	29.02	30.79	-0.02	5.02
High Yield Acc	51.33	54.90	-0.11	4.43
-do- Inc	37.26	39.85†	-0.08	4.43
Smlr Cos Acc	85.79	91.76	-0.21	1.35
-do- Inc	79.34	84.86	-0.19	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	57.18	61.16	-0.44	
-do- Inc	56.12	60.02	-0.43	
Euro Gth Acc	95.12	101.74	-0.31	1.07
-do- Inc	93.82	100.34*	-0.31	1.07
Mngd P folio	33.71	36.06*	-0.13	1.46
Pacific Growth	89.78	96.02	-0.04	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	84.74	90.64	-0.35	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	117.50	125.10*	+0.30	3.35
Smaller Cos Acc	270.50	289.40	-0.40	..
Smaller Cos Inc	158.40	169.50*	-0.20	1.28
High Inc	68.40	73.59*	-0.16	7.12
Income	122.90	131.50*	-0.50	4.18
Mngd P folio Inc	90.60	96.44	-0.41	2.06
-do- Acc	171.20	182.40	-0.70	...
North American	99.81	106.30	-1.40	0.20
Orient	114.60	123.60	+1.50	..
Recovery	36.65	39.40	-0.20	2.84
German	42.09	45.14	-0.11	0.09
Intl Growth	32.01	34.09	-0.14	0.22
European Inc	22.22	23.41	-0.06	0.47
DUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542				
Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.39	66.38†	-0.34	1.13
-do- Acc	70.34	74.83	-0.35	1.12
Income Fund 5	211.70	225.30	-1.10	4.00
-do- Acc	481.30	512.10	-2.70	4.00
Inv Portfolio	66.12	68.52	-0.39	1.99
-do- Acc	74.06	77.37	-0.44	2.01
Smaller Cos	120.10	127.80	...	1.99
-do- Acc	144.30	153.50	-0.10	1.99
High Inc P folio	59.06	61.21	-0.16	4.73
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL				
071 480 7216				
Shi Gilt Fxd Int	66.19	67.09*	+0.01	5.99
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH				
061 837 5060				
Environ	132.90	141.40	-0.50	1.66
UK Growth	143.80	153.00	-0.90	2.11
UK Income	119.40	127.10†	-0.20	4.35
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
081 902 8876				
SE Asia	77.60	82.99*	-0.49	1.10
Growth	43.48	46.50	-0.30	3.08
Income	52.24	55.87	-0.18	4.35
Far East	45.66	48.87†	+0.45	0.16
North American	77.56	83.40	-1.00	0.01
Global	79.37	84.60*	-0.11	0.78
European	67.85	72.57*	-0.28	1.72
Japan	104.90	112.10	+2.10	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.13	60.55†	+0.25	5.30
UK Cap Gwth	76.56	81.03*	-0.60	2.07

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
Enquiries: 061 236 5685				
Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	126.00	134.10*	-0.70	0.15
-do- Acc	134.00	142.60	-0.60	0.15
European	66.33	69.25	-0.30	1.03
-do- Acc	67.71	71.78	-0.31	1.03
Far East Gen	61.07	64.97†	+0.71	...
-do- Acc	61.07	64.97	+0.71	...
Glenfriars	239.20	254.50*	-1.50	0.96
-do- Acc	269.30	286.50	-1.70	0.96
Growth	369.20	394.90†	-0.90	2.68
-do- Acc	631.90	675.90	-1.50	2.68
Income Growth	368.30	391.90	-1.70	4.10
-do- Acc	489.80	521.10	-2.20	4.10
Master Portfolio	9237.0	9562.0*	-21.00	2.77
-do- Acc	10719.0	11096.0	-24.00	2.77
Special Sits	84.12	89.49	-1.09	2.59
-do- Acc	98.44	104.73	-1.27	2.59
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1187.0	1224.0	-5.00	4.56
-do- Acc	1374.0	1417.0	-6.00	4.56
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU				
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	186.80	199.00	-1.30	1.53
Capital	517.30	552.00*	-4.60	2.41
Eurotrack 100	126.80	134.90	-1.00	1.53
Euro Gth	78.73	83.82	-0.42	1.38
Far East Growth	85.91	91.57	+1.09	0.14
Global Bond	23.07	24.32	..	5.88
Hong Kong	69.57	74.19†	-0.53	0.61
Income	488.40	521.20*	-2.70	4.62
Intl Growth	72.12	76.96	+0.24	0.99
Japan Growth	252.10	269.00	+5.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	30.73	32.79	+0.55	...
Japan Index	74.45	79.45	+1.95	0.24
Nth American	411.50	439.10*	-1.20	0.98
S'pore Mly Gth	48.80	52.08	-0.82	..
The Footsie Fd	105.30	111.10	-1.30	2.65
Tiger Index	131.90	140.30	-0.60	0.71
Trade Index	100.50	107.20†	-0.40	2.68
UK Index	120.00	128.00	-1.30	3.04
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH				
071 606 0708				
American P folio	81.28	86.84	-0.09	1.00
European P folio	71.36	75.81†	-0.31	1.38
Japanese P folio	60.61	64.31	+0.93	...
Pacific P folio	91.67	98.58	-0.12	2.43
Cazenove P folio	68.82	73.54	-0.28	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.22	65.03*	-0.91	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.68	51.34	+0.02	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	605.20	612.50	+3.10	4.72
Fixed Int	155.75	156.30	-0.15	9.28
Deposit	5.80	.	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	597.49	-2.86	5.00
-do- Acc	2331.6	2357.n	+20.97	...
Deposit	5.75	...	...	
Fxd Int Inc	127.00	127.01	-0.21	9.13
-do- Acc	167.75	167.79	+0.91	..
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1				
071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.91	65.17†	...	2.49
Beckman Intl	80.31	84.74	...	3.13
Friars Hse Inc	178.57	192.01	...	6.46
Friars Hse Cap	247.28	265.89	...	2.92
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222				
Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	39.45	41.97	+1.12	...
Managed	61.20	65.10	-0.20	2.85
-do- Acc	73.91	78.63	-0.23	2.85
Smaller Cos	32.46	34.53	-0.11	2.20
-do- Acc	36.58	38.91	-0.11	2.20
UK General	67.08	71.36	-0.57	2.71
-do- Acc	80.42	85.55	-0.69	2.71
Wwide Bd	61.80	65.66†	-0.11	6.28
-do- Acc	79.49	84.46	-0.14	6.28
Wwide Sp Sits	55.20	59.04	+0.33	0.17
-do- Acc	57.51	61.51	+0.34	0.17
Quilter General	117.44	124.94*	-0.72	2.74
-do- Acc	130.49	138.82	-0.80	2.74
Quilter Income	90.96	96.77†	-0.16	4.35
-do- Acc	112.10	119.26	-0.20	4.35
Quilter Intl	125.01	132.99	+0.15	0.64
-do- Acc	126.74	134.83	+0.16	0.64
Quilter UK Spec	68.06	72.40	-0.34	2.09
-do- Acc	90.04	95.79	-0.44	2.09
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.53	91.53*	+0.02	5.62
-do- Acc	91.53	91.53†	+0.02	5.62
Fin Property	101.56	108.04	-0.51	1.36
Fixed Corv	40.57	43.16	-0.30	8.04
-do- Acc	105.49	112.76	-0.80	8.04
Equity Inc	141.96	151.02	-2.98	3.98
-do- Acc	455.67	484.76	-9.58	3.98
High Yield	116.33	123.76*	-0.20	5.23
-do- Acc	439.85	467.93	-0.76	5.23
Preference	45.62	48.53†	+0.04	8.01
-do- Acc	234.19	249.14	+0.19	8.01
PPT Europe	147.33	156.73*	-0.46	0.99
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.30	50.32	+0.04	8.07
PPT Global Bnd	81.07	86.11†	-0.11	5.49
PPT Gold Com	51.11	54.37	+0.17	...
PPT Oriental Gth	52.87	56.24*	-0.02	0.71
PPT Far East Gth	99.10	105.43†	+1.04	0.35
PPT Japan	112.93	120.14*	+3.09	...
PPT N Amer	145.84	155.15†	-0.40	0.05
PPT UK Gth	113.26	120.49	-0.93	2.22
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ				
0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	72.97	77.63	-0.37	1.02
Japanese Acc	58.48	62.21	+0.93	...
UK Balncd Inc	123.60	131.50	-1.10	2.55
-do- Acc	144.40	153.60	-1.20	2.55
UK Growth Acc	203.20	216.20	-1.90	2.23
UK High Inc	132.30	140.70	-0.50	6.75
-do- Acc	156.10	166.10	-0.60	6.75
N America Acc	108.10	115.00	-1.00	0.34
European Acc	150.60	160.20	-0.40	0.44
UK Pref Fxl Inc	60.55	64.24	+0.08	8.80
-do- Acc	97.72	103.70	+0.10	8.80
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.38	49.34	+0.16	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.53	75.03†	-0.37	1.48
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD, 031 313 1000				
American	109.60	116.50	-0.70	...
UK Smlr Cos	184.60	196.10	-0.30	1.27
Eurofund	37.26	39.47	-0.19	1.01
Mngd Exempt	162.60	169.50	-3.00	3.10
Growth Inc	207.50	220.50	-1.50	4.08
High Dist	134.90	143.30	-0.90	6.04
International	312.40	331.90	-1.60	0.98
Intl Income	79.08	84.42†	-0.69	3.08
Pacific	54.82	58.25	+0.26	0.52
Smllr Jap Cos	62.44	66.34	+1.51	...
Tokyo	196.60	208.90	+4.20	...
Japan Exempt	112.40	115.40	+11.90	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	517.30	531.50	+23.80	0.09

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Formerly Target				
American Eagle	119.60	127.00	-1.60	0.23
Australia	7.013	7.451	-0.030	1.07
Equity	180.50	191.80	-1.40	4.45
Euro Spec Sits	140.50	148.60	-0.70	0.58
Financial	38.86	41.29	-0.12	2.94
Global Opps Inc	86.07	91.45	-0.08	2.20
-do- Acc	89.21	94.79	-0.04	2.20
Gold Gen Inc	42.81	45.49	-0.61	0.95
-do- Acc	81.68	86.79	-1.17	0.95
Income	117.40	124.70	-0.80	4.95
Japan General	149.20	158.50	+3.30	...
Preference	21.24	22.57†	+0.02	8.05
UK Capital	99.64	105.90	-1.20	3.19
Worldwide Cap	191.50	203.50	-1.40	3.16
World Income	81.69	86.80	-0.61	3.50
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance	167.70	178.40	...	1.13
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Pelican	101.60	106.98†	-0.28	3.46
High Income	118.48	124.72	-0.33	4.96
Tst of Inv Tsts	139.03	146.35	-0.48	2.20
Special Sits	81.96	86.27	-0.21	3.01
North American	102.01	107.38	-0.48	0.95
Far Eastern	225.10	236.95	+1.45	1.47
Intl Growth	90.38	95.14†	+0.23	1.42
European	62.82	66.13	-0.31	2.22
Smaller Cos	68.85	72.47	-0.49	2.21
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE				
0273 220 707				
United Charities	222.40	236.60	...	3.68
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.60
European Tst	111.10	118.20	-0.90	...
High Income	24.46	25.74†	+0.03	5.86
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	91.63	96.98	-0.78	0.89
Far Eastern	129.40	138.20	+1.30	...
Overs Income	87.52	93.86	-0.14	2.80
UK Growth	89.94	96.19	-1.01	1.35
UK Income	99.30	106.20	-0.10	3.92
US Smaller Cos	233.40	249.60	-0.40	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT				
071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	404.60	432.60	-4.50	..
-do- Acc	413.30	441.90	-4.70	...
Capital	279.50	297.30	-0.90	2.09
-do- Acc	389.30	414.10	-1.20	3.09
Contl Smllr Cos	46.97	50.54	-0.16	1.07
-do- Acc	48.60	52.29	-0.16	1.07
Convertible	108.80	115.70	-0.30	6.49
-do- Acc	201.50	214.30	-0.60	6.49
European	95.64	102.10	-0.50	1.14
-do- Acc	98.43	105.50	-0.50	1.14
Extra Income	283.50	301.50	-0.80	4.41
-do- Acc	396.90	422.10	-1.20	4.41
Financial	103.00	110.70	-0.80	0.71
-do- Acc	107.20	115.20	-0.90	0.71
Health Fund Inc	104.10	111.20	-0.70	..
-do- Acc	104.10	111.20	-0.70	...
Income Tst	174.40	185.50	-0.80	4.05
-do- Acc	243.10	258.50	-1.20	4.05
Intl Growth	296.40	316.40	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	329.10	351.40	-1.10	...
Japan Gen	157.60	168.60	+2.20	...
-do- Acc	159.20	170.30	+2.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	87.73	92.34	-0.27	1.04
-do- Acc	91.97	96.80	-0.28	1.04
Monthly Income	143.30	152.40	-0.50	4.58
Recovery	279.60	299.00	-0.70	0.86
-do- Acc	327.50	350.20	-0.80	0.86
Gilt Gth Tst	60.94	62.84	+0.28	6.75
-do- Acc	78.70	81.15	+0.35	6.75
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH				
Dealing: 0722 411411				
Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	339.77	361.46	-3.07	2.91
-do- Acc	686.03	729.82	-6.21	2.91
Euro Gth Dist	103.12	109.70	-0.16	0.91
-do- Acc	106.20	112.98	-0.15	0.91
Fixed Int Dist	130.47	138.00†	+0.26	6.35
-do- Acc	219.18	231.84*	+0.44	6.35
Intl Gth Dist	74.03	78.76	-0.03	0.85
-do- Acc	76.57	81.46	-0.04	0.85
Nth Amer Dist	163.75	173.48	-0.85	0.75
-do- Acc	177.58	188.13	-0.92	0.75
Pac Basin Dist	229.45	244.10	+1.04	0.36
-do- Acc	233.07	247.95	+1.06	0.36
Stewardship Dist	294.55	313.35	-1.79	1.91
-do- Acc	348.48	370.72	-2.12	1.91
Stwd Inc Dist	61.33	65.25	-0.14	3.60
-do- Acc	75.15	79.95	-0.17	3.60
N Am Stwd Dist	95.36	101.45	-1.89	...
-do- Acc	100.88	107.32	-1.99	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	131.20	140.40*	-1.70	...
European	387.90	411.60*	-2.10	1.03
Far East General	204.50	218.80	+1.50	0.33
Germany	97.56	103.20	-0.50	0.44
Global Assets In	65.56	70.00	-0.25	2.31
Global Assets Ac	68.69	73.34	-0.26	2.28
Income Inc	111.00	118.80*	+0.40	7.40
International	252.00	269.60*	-0.60	1.04
Intl Income	75.87	80.63	-0.02	4.94
Japan General	340.70	362.10*	+6.60	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.87	47.99	-0.16	6.33
UK Capitl Inc	152.90	163.60	-1.00	4.08
-do- Acc	361.50	379.70	-1.80	4.01
UK Spec Sits	69.93	74.80	-0.37	1.70
US General	109.50	116.60	-0.70	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	110.10	117.80	-0.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212				
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.53	45.49	-0.24	1.69
Cash Trust*	128.02	128.02	+0.02	5.10
Pract Inv Inc	100.16	107.41	-0.14	3.98
-do- Acc	215.02	230.58†	-0.30	3.98
UK Smaller Cos	94.18	101.00	-0.21	1.49
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.98	26.72	+0.11	7.86
High Inc	30.84	32.98	-0.03	5.06
UK Equity Inc	127.08	135.91	-0.30	3.91
Global Bond	28.00	30.05†	-0.04	5.76
International Funds				
Gold Intl	71.60	76.78	-0.92	1.28
Frontier Markets	39.62	42.49†	...	0.21
Global Inc Gth	116.14	123.95†	-0.32	2.32
UK Intl	107.63	115.10	-0.20	0.68
Overseas Funds				
American	124.46	132.74	-0.83	0.55
European	78.92	84.76*	-0.19	0.71
Euro Sel Opps	91.49	97.58	-0.02	1.09
American Emerg	76.05	81.55	-0.85	...
Hong Kong	100.89	108.19†	-0.65	2.14
Japan	204.68	217.79	+3.61	...
Pacific Growth	139.39	149.48	-0.45	0.47

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979				
Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	120.56	128.94	+0.37	0.37
American Gth	114.43	122.39	-1.10	...
European Gth	67.64	72.28	-0.37	0.42
German Hortzn	...	...	...	
Japan Gth	74.50	79.68	+0.96	...
Pacific Inc	126.87	135.69	-0.09	2.85
Pacific Strategy	105.54	112.87	-0.36	0.25
UK Prog Inc	76.00	80.12	+0.23	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.70	50.23	-0.10	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.25	47.33	-0.31	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
30 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE				
071 538 9668				
Cash	130.60	130.60	...	4.80
Gilt Fixed	119.70	127.00	+0.30	6.49
Growth Equity	278.30	297.30	-2.00	2.13
Guardhill	411.80	439.90	-3.80	2.39
Income Trust	107.00	114.30	-0.40	3.43
International	151.60	161.90†	+0.10	0.37
Japan Trust	118.80	126.90	+1.70	..
Nth American	247.70	264.60	-2.00	0.47
Pacific	350.10	374.00	-1.30	...
European	333.90	356.70	-0.10	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW				
0800 838865				
Global Adv Inc	34.25	36.31	-0.10	1.78
-do- Acc	35.84	38.00	-0.10	1.78
Inc Adv Inc	28.16	30.91†	...	4.14
-do- Acc	30.31	32.13	...	4.14
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227300				
Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	70.33	75.34	-0.31	0.97
Equity Income	110.40	117.40*	-1.30	3.61
European	130.50	138.00*	...	0.88
Intl Situation	73.13	77.80	-0.20	...
Japanese	135.30	143.60	+2.20	...
North American	95.93	101.90	-1.20	0.06
Scandinavian	103.60	109.60	-0.40	0.47
Smaller Cos	28.73	30.56	-0.15	2.39
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT				
Enquiries: 0277 227300				
Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	85.26	91.17	-1.01	...
Asian Enterprise	115.96	125.77	+0.23	1.02
Australian	129.36	138.39*	+0.05	1.58
European	359.39	380.90	+0.61	1.13
European Inc	68.38	72.30	+0.11	3.47
Euro Smi Co	120.36	128.63	-0.04	1.14
Extra Income	252.05	268.32†	-0.63	5.07
Family of Funds	67.68	72.27	-0.07	1.34
Fixed Interest	55.09	58.91†	+0.06	8.83
Global Resour	89.01	95.54	-1.14	1.18
High Inc	277.82	296.98	-0.61	4.79
Income Gth	230.76	245.75	-0.67	4.14
-do- Acc	580.71	618.45	-1.68	4.14
International	220.40	234.65†	-0.06	1.01
Japan Spc Sit	219.17	233.08	+4.58	...
Japan	188.81	200.69	+4.16	...
N Amer	215.33	229.04	-3.24	0.17
Pacific Smllr Cos	165.36	179.53*	-1.07	0.60
Pref Gilt	46.32	50.34	+0.04	8.51
Smaller Cos Div	156.36	170.42	-0.31	4.84
Special Sits	245.92	263.13†	-2.20	2.22
-do- Acc	378.94	405.46†	-3.39	2.22
Best of British	53.66	57.52	-0.45	2.75
Spirit of the East	56.08	59.98†	+0.58	0.52
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
081 686 4355				
British	85.75	91.71	-0.78	2.37
Capital	152.40	162.90	+0.50	1.98
Dollar	298.10	318.80	-0.40	0.17
European	190.00	203.20	-0.50	0.55
Far East	222.10	237.50	-0.20	0.64
Financial	645.70	690.50†	+2.10	2.58
Gth Fxd Int Inc	25.81	26.81	+0.02	8.00
High Yield	97.99	104.80	-0.10	4.98
Income	131.70	140.80	-0.70	3.52
Intl	207.70	222.10	...	0.36
Japan Tech	65.72	70.28	+2.16	..
Nat Resources	55.10	58.93	-0.33	0.80
Security	287.20	307.10†	-2.20	2.13
Smaller Cos	105.60	112.90†	+2.10	1.61
Special Sits	131.90	141.00†	-0.80	2.11
US Smaller Cos	60.43	64.63	-1.11	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN				
071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	236.40	248.60	-4.40	1.46
Capital Gwth	98.49	103.70	...	2.55
Inv Trusts	124.30	130.80	...	0.72
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR				
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	22.92	25.10	-0.05	1.65
Special Features	26.12	27.75†	-0.14	1.47
-do- Acc	30.89	32.82†	-0.15	1.46
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.42	55.08	-0.46	1.95
Assets Earnings	68.83	73.13	-0.48	1.87
do Acc	81.89	85.94	-0.55	1.87
Managed Invest	83.07	88.78	+0.10	1.23
Expert Children	73.79	78.67†	-0.65	1.68
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.34	50.34†	+0.01	4.53
Extra Inc	77.35	82.81	+0.01	4.57
Gilt	27.98	29.45	+0.06	6.56
Income Gth	37.92	40.56	-0.09	3.55
MIMstar	74.89	76.64†	+0.07	7.92
Preference	17.60	19.28†	...	6.20
UK Income	297.20	317.70†	-1.20	3.12
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	54.35	57.74	-0.17	1.33
Property Shares	56.95	60.50†	-0.05	2.22
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	139.00	145.30	-0.40	3.60
European Acc	107.80	114.50	-0.40	1.75
European Dist	102.60	109.00	-0.40	1.77
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.32	50.33†	-0.23	1.02
European Perf	104.90	111.50	-0.20	1.09
-do- Acc	105.90	113.60	-0.20	1.08
Euro Small Cos	20.50	21.84	-0.04	0.74
French Growth	67.19	71.49	+0.04	0.40
-do- Acc	71.78	76.37	+0.04	0.40
Hong K/China	62.86	67.46	-0.13	1.82
Intl Growth	49.27	52.34	+0.08	0.76
-do- Acc	49.27	52.34	+0.08	0.76
Japan Perf	32.60	34.62	+0.73	...
Accum Units	32.60	34.62	+0.73	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.46	35.55	+0.75	...
Singapore Asean	70.94	76.82	+0.40	0.43
-do- Acc	71.38	77.29	+0.39	0.43
South East Asia	205.60	222.40†	-0.70	1.09
US Smllr Cos	101.90	108.20	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	102.90	109.30	-0.50	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.57	86.94	-0.01	2.56
Intl Bond	56.14	56.90†	+0.03	6.31
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3				
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.03	69.37†	+0.01	4.97
Extra Income	50.23	53.44†	-0.05	6.85
Gilt Yield	119.00	125.50†	+0.20	7.34
Global Income	191.00	203.20	-0.11	4.31
High Yield	127.10	135.20†	-1.59	6.12

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Smllr Cos Div	45.36	48.25	+1.55	4.52
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	87.59	93.18	-0.65	...
North American	73.28	77.96	-0.51	0.41
European	127.40	135.50	-0.50	0.86
Euro Special	76.45	81.33	-0.02	0.95
General	257.10	273.50	-1.90	3.26
Japan	378.00	402.10	+4.40	..
Japanese Special	197.70	210.30†	+4.30	...
Master Acc	208.30	221.60	-0.80	1.39
Pacific	247.30	263.10	+0.50	0.47
Smaller Cos	94.13	100.10	-0.30	2.10
UK Equity Gth	33.10	35.21	-0.87	1.65
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB				
031 550 5151				
European	72.61	77.21	-0.28	0.91
Extra Income	23.34	24.83†	-0.16	3.29
Far East	25.17	26.78†	+0.14	1.00
Income Gwth	70.42	74.91†	-0.52	2.89
Intl Growth	49.62	52.79†	-0.03	0.79
Japan	59.96	63.79	+1.34	...
Maximum Dist*	100.70	102.70	...	6.95
N Amer Equity	37.83	40.24	-0.67	0.51
UK Equity	84.32	89.70	-0.81	2.94
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1, 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.51	54.80	-0.58	4.56
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex				
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	410.80	437.00	-2.50	2.96
Equity Acc	779.80	829.60	-4.70	2.96
Equity Income	89.03	94.71	-0.12	5.22
European	93.32	99.28	-0.36	1.72
Far Eastern	169.00	179.80	+1.10	0.32
Fixed Interest	51.08	54.34†	-0.04	7.40
Gilt	90.62	96.10†	+0.12	7.00
Global Growth	63.09	67.12	-0.03	0.77
Intl Bond	55.28	58.81	-0.23	5.08
Japanese	65.52	69.70	-0.99	...
Overseas Equity	92.15	98.03	+0.12	0.81
Pacific Gth	78.52	83.53†	-0.06	1.34
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF				
0634 834313				
Balanced	308.00	327.70	-2.20	2.80
-do- Acc	667.10	709.70	-4.60	2.80
Contl Euro Gth	50.32	52.97	-0.21	1.33
-do- Acc	53.22	56.03	-0.22	1.33
Extra Inc	231.80	246.60	-4.40	3.76
-do- Acc	563.60	599.60	-10.90	3.76
German Gth	99.61	104.90	-0.80	0.28
-do- Acc	104.50	110.00	-0.90	0.29
Growth Port	473.60	503.90	-2.20	0.91
-do- Acc	473.60	503.90	-2.20	0.91
Income	433.20	460.90	-8.90	3.56
-do- Acc	1098.0	1169.0	-21.00	3.56
Income Port	482.30	513.00	-0.90	5.40
-do- Acc	482.30	513.00	-0.90	5.40
Japan Growth	90.38	96.15	+1.01	0.01
-do- Acc	90.69	96.48	+1.00	0.01
Master Trust	50.36	53.58	-0.22	1.58
-do- Acc	54.77	58.27	-0.25	1.58
N American Gen	173.80	184.90	...	0.01
-do- Acc	200.70	213.60	-0.10	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	126.10	134.20	-1.70	0.01
-do- Acc	128.60	136.90	+1.60	0.01
Pacific Basin	191.10	203.40	+1.80	0.60
-do- Acc	202.00	214.90	+1.80	0.60
Small Cos .ec	292.00	307.40	-0.80	2.42
-do- Acc	376.70	396.60	-0.90	2.42
UK Growth	76.45	81.33	-0.57	2.21
-do- Acc	89.14	94.83	-0.67	2.21
Worldwide Gth	263.80	280.70	-1.30	0.22
-do- Acc	388.70	413.60	-1.80	0.22
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 282673				
General	75.69	81.21	-0.52	3.10
Income	57.70	61.91†	-0.05	6.10
International	54.67	58.66	+0.01	0.80
American	57.28	61.46	-0.47	0.40
Japan	49.64	53.26	+1.01	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.74	56.50†	-0.02	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB				
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	373.30	394.00	-3.50	0.90
-do- Acc	460.60	486.10	-4.40	0.90
American Rec	394.20	416.90	-3.10	0.31
-do- Acc	451.00	477.00	-3.50	0.31
Am Sm Co Acc	111.70	118.10	-0.80	0.05
Australia Acc	138.40	146.50	-1.70	1.47
Capital	613.70	649.00	-1.70	2.81
-do- Acc	677.10	716.10	-1.90	2.81
Commodity Acc	400.40	423.40	-5.50	0.97
Compnd Gth	793.70	839.30	-4.60	3.01
Dividend	33.40	35.70	...	4.44
-do- Acc	129.80	138.90	+0.10	4.44
Equity Inc	277.10	293.00	-0.60	5.07
European Div	56.70	60.30	-0.10	4.60
-do- Acc	64.00	68.30	...	4.60
European Gen	372.20	393.60	+0.70	1.63
-do- Acc	465.00	491.70	+0.80	1.63
Extra Yield	349.20	373.60†	+0.10	4.54
-do- Acc	1021.0	1092.4	+0.30	4.54
Far Eastern	268.10	283.50†	+0.40	1.12
-do- Acc	352.70	372.90	-0.50	1.12
Fund of Inv	479.10	506.60	...	2.30
-do- Acc	864.60	914.20	...	2.30
General	51.90	54.90	...	3.64
-do- Acc	136.60	144.70	...	3.64
Gilt Fxd Int	62.10	62.10	+0.10	7.90
do Acc	153.40	153.50	+0.20	7.90
Gold	42.80	45.30	-0.90	1.37
-do- Acc	50.10	53.00	-1.00	1.37
High Inc	23.80	25.20	...	4.71
-do- Acc	88.20	93.40	...	4.71
Intl Growth	65.70	69.60	...	0.97
-do- Acc	113.20	120.00	...	0.97
Intl Inc	88.90	94.00	-0.40	4.90
Japan Gen Acc	47.30	50.00	+0.70	..
Japan Smllr Cos	131.70	139.10	+2.00	...
Midland	50.30	53.20	-0.40	3.98
-do- Acc	159.10	168.30	-1.20	3.98
Recovery	34.00	36.40	-0.10	3.09
-do- Acc	53.40	57.20	-0.20	3.09
Second Gen	58.70	62.10	...	3.66
-do- Acc	143.50	151.90	...	3.66
Smaller Cos	55.70	58.90	-0.10	3.47
-do- Acc	105.60	111.60	-0.30	3.47
Trustee	37.50	39.70	...	4.03
Charibond 3	1112.39	...	...	9.59
Charifund 2	612.90	619.10	+0.40	5.35
Pension ex 1	938.20	859.20	-1.90	4.22
NAACIF Inc 3	145.75	...	...	7.75
-do- Acc 3	11076.5	...	-1.70	7.75
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG				
0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	131.80	140.90†	-0.14	2.11
-do- Acc	146.30	156.50†	-0.17	2.11
UK Income	108.80	116.40†	-0.17	2.82
-do- Acc	121.40	129.80†	-0.17	2.82
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	73.56	78.67	+0.18	0.65
Far East (Pacific)	128.60	136.50	+0.30	0.69
Income Growth	70.49	74.83	+0.04	3.59
European	64.98	68.98	-0.03	1.36
Nth American	55.10	58.49	-0.69	1.13
UK Growth	74.63	79.22	-0.32	1.39
Intl Growth	88.47	93.91†	...	0.69
Charities	107.20	113.70	...	4.07

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Intl Income	65.82	69.67†	+0.02	3.96
Japan	49.51	52.34†	+0.84	0.08
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	183.70	195.10	...	...
-do- Acc	196.30	208.60	...	..
Cash	101.00	101.00	...	5.50
-do- Acc	128.60	128.60	...	5.50
European Gth	188.10	199.60	...	0.80
-do- Acc	201.30	213.70	...	0.80
General	444.90	474.60*	...	2.56
-do- Acc	846.30	902.80*	...	2.56
Global Dist	130.20	137.00†	...	5.33
-do- Acc	145.70	153.30†	...	5.33
Income	134.00	142.90†	...	4.77
-do- Acc	196.00	209.10†	...	4.77
International	364.50	386.00	...	0.72
-do- Acc	483.50	514.70	...	0.72
Japan	162.70	172.80	...	...
-do- Acc	167.10	177.40	...	...
New Europe	130.10	138.50	...	1.87
-do- Acc	132.20	141.10	...	1.87
Recovery	285.10	304.20	...	2.95
-do- Acc	356.40	380.20	...	2.95
European Inc	73.13	77.47	...	3.15
-do- Acc	92.78	98.29	...	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	70.10	74.70	...	3.37
-do- Acc	82.67	88.10	...	3.37
Portfolio	71.54	76.06†	...	2.98
-do- Acc	91.35	96.49†	...	2.98
Gold General	81.69	87.14	...	1.08
-do- Acc	82.80	88.33	...	1.08
Pacific	83.01	88.52	...	0.94
-do- Acc	87.74	93.58	...	0.94
UK Smaller Cos	49.43	52.73†	...	2.14
-do- Acc	55.15	58.86†	...	2.14
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD				
Dealing: 0742 520 200				
Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	55.76	59.64†	-0.18	3.36
-do- Acc	56.60	60.54	-0.18	3.36
British Dist	74.67	79.86	-0.74	2.43
-do- Acc	84.52	90.40	-0.84	2.43
European Gth	163.50	174.50	-0.50	0.16
-do- Acc	205.20	219.10	-0.60	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.38	70.99†	-0.09	6.76
-do- Acc	116.80	124.90	-0.20	6.76
FT-SE 100 Index	46.96	50.22	-0.48	2.99
-do- Acc	46.96	50.22	-0.48	2.99
Gilt Fixed Int	56.15	58.45†	+0.06	7.04
-do- Acc	147.70	153.80	+0.20	7.04
High Yield	213.30	228.10	-0.20	5.13
-do- Acc	489.40	523.40	-0.50	5.13
Income	268.80	287.50	-0.60	3.87
-do- Acc	558.80	597.60	-1.70	3.87
Japan Gth	323.10	345.60	+7.00	...
-do- Acc	341.10	364.80	+7.50	...
Mandarin Acc	90.61	96.91	-0.96	1.68
North American	158.60	169.60	-0.70	0.52
-do- Acc	199.40	213.30	-0.80	0.52
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT				
Dealing: 071 826 0526				
Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	246.50	262.40	-4.10	0.00
Deposit Inc	100.21	100.21	+0.01	5.17
Deposit Acc	121.80	121.80	+0.02	5.17
Euro Gth Acc	252.50	269.20	-1.30	..
Europa	114.50	122.80	-0.80	...
Intl Gth	161.70	172.60	+0.60	
Japan Tracker	71.91	76.19	+1.53	..
UK Equity Inc	139.70	150.40†	-0.70	4.38
-do- Acc	171.20	184.30†	-0.80	4.38
UK Ind Tracker	138.00	147.70	-1.00	3.28
US Eq Ind Trkr	185.00	196.10†	-1.30	1.49
-do- Acc	195.70	207.40†	-1.40	1.49
Asian Trader	139.80	151.80†	-0.30	0.51
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	162.10	165.90	-1.70	2.44
European	59.45	60.76	-0.20	1.13
Olympiad	51.79	53.14	-0.01	0.52
Global Bond	47.53	48.06	-0.08	6.73
Smaller Cos	62.45	65.03	-0.28	1.24
Equity Income	89.77	92.34†	-0.31	5.18
UK Growth	79.78	82.16†	-0.30	1.89
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222				
Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.42	48.44	-0.20	0.83
Australian Acc	283	303.60	+0.60	...
Conscience	62.10	66.27	-0.35	1.07
-do- Acc	66.68	71.16	-0.38	1.07
European	164.50	175.40	-1.20	1.11
-do- Acc	177	188.70	-1.20	1.11
Extra Income	70.70	75.45	-0.29	5.88
-do- Acc	107	114.10	-0.50	5.88
Far East Gth	148.50	158.70	-0.90	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.09	61.49	+0.16	6.44
Gold	32.20	34.62	-0.59	...
-do- Acc	34.68	37.29	-0.63	...
Income	50.48	53.84	-0.19	5.22
-do- Acc	151.40	161.40	-0.60	5.22
International	27.99	30.03	-0.02	1.13
-do- Acc	40.22	43.15	-0.02	1.13
Jap Sm Cos Acc	291.10	310.50	+7.80	...
S pore Mly Acc	156.80	168.10	+0.60	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.81	25.60	-0.08	1.88
Special Sits	30.73	33.04	-0.22	1.79
-do- Acc	35.39	38.05	-0.27	1.79
Tokyo	79.94	85.26	+1.26	...
-do- Acc	80.75	86.13	+1.29	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF				
061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.85	70.06	-0.32	2.97
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.71	78.00†	-0.03	7.45
N&P Higher Inc	183.30	194.50	-0.40	5.11
N&P UK Income	97.91	104.72	-0.44	4.15
N&P Intl	83.25	89.52	-0.28	1.98
N&P Smaller Cos	71.72	76.71†	-0.42	1.70
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA				
071 407 4404				
General	154.88	164.77†	-0.65	2.64
Global	263.83	280.68†	-0.91	1.29
Growth	101.76	108.26†	-0.28	2.50
Income	193.56	206.92†	-0.66	4.60
Intl Bond	124.93	132.43†	-0.01	7.02
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR				
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.30	141.30	-0.90	2.56
-do- Acc	232.50	244.70	-1.50	2.56
Income	210.30	223.70†	-0.70	3.62
Intl Equity	214.10	227.70	+0.60	0.97
-do- Acc	234.40	249.30	+0.70	0.97
Equity	210.70	226.10	-1.20	2.41
-do- Acc	427.10	454.30	-2.50	2.41
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.84	71.10	-0.23	1.95
UK Income	58.25	61.96	-0.23	3.09
UK Smllr Co Acc	68.37	72.72	-0.28	1.58
New Europe Acc	60.05	63.88	-0.19	1.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames				
0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	82.[illegible]	88.57	-0.11	0.38
PEP Gth Inc	94.08	100.63	-0.54	1.34
Intl Gth	452.62	484.09	-2.29	0.69
Income	280.87	300.40†	+0.81	3.38
W wide Recov	279.96	298.43	+0.99	0.62
American Gth	193.12	206.55	-0.29	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	169.45	181.24	-0.41	0.20
Far East Gth	198.82	212.65	+3.41	0.06

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	108.19	115.72	-0.52	1.08
UK Growth	72.36	77.40	+0.04	3.02
High Income	78.86	84.38	+0.17	4.60
Japanese Gth	195.98	208.54	+3.57	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	166.50	177.20†	+3.00	0.41
High Income	106.50	113.30	+0.70	3.55
Conv Gilt	107.00	113.90†	-0.30	6.47
Far East	278.20	296.00†	+2.20	0.38
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	46.97	49.97	-0.17	0.59
Emerging Mkts	58.39	62.12	-2.05	0.23
General	46.18	49.13	-0.44	3.49
International	80.50	85.64†	-0.07	1.33
Gilt Units	26.50	27.32	-0.07	8.04
Global PEP	34.13	36.31†	-0.10	3.15
Income Gth	61.68	65.62	-0.28	5.36
European	41.75	44.41†	-0.29	1.19
Gth/Fixed Int	25.75	26.97†	-0.05	6.18
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL				
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490				
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314				
Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	29.76	31.62†	-0.08	1.62
Pru Csh Hmn Inc	101.46	101.46†	+0.01	5.33
-do- Acc	104.54	104.54†	+0.02	5.33
Pru Equity	640.87	685.37	-5.48	2.47
Pru Equity Inc	78.71	84.19†	-0.30	4.56
Pru European	168.27	179.96	-0.45	1.87
Pru Global Gth	76.45	81.76	-0.38	1.57
Pru High Inc	84.73	90.62†	-0.11	5.67
Pru Intl	153.80	164.49	-0.06	1.32
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.41	68.91†	-0.29	0.97
Pru Japanese	187.19	200.20†	+2.68	...
Pru Nth Amer	138.24	147.84	-0.68	0.47
Pru Pacific Mkts	68.69	73.46	-0.76	1.91
Pru Prems Inc	49.55	51.90	+0.06	7.38
Pru Smllr Cos	80.32	85.90	-0.33	2.01
Pru Spec Sits	95.28	101.90	-0.70	2.28
Pru UK Grwth	106.16	113.54†	-0.96	2.39
**Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR				
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	152.90	161.60	-0.64	3.67
NC Japan	256.12	274.41	+5.07	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.32	98.18	-0.48	2.45
NC America Inc	458.84	492.09	-1.52	0.87
-do- Acc	532.94	571.57	-1.76	0.87
NC Smlr UK Cos	248.21	270.97	-1.02	1.57
NC European	247.72	264.62	-0.72	1.32
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	71.31	75.86	-0.41	3.81
Capital Units	137.70	146.40	-0.30	1.43
Commodity	95.98	102.10†	-1.80	1.28
European Gth	145.90	155.20	-0.10	1.41
Financial Sec	164.40	174.80	-0.10	1.93
High Return	205.20	218.20	-0.20	4.67
High Yield	198.30	210.90†	+0.60	3.83
Income Units	104.90	111.50	+0.10	4.94
Investment	164.30	174.70†	+0.10	1.14
Japan Gth	139.00	147.80	+1.90	..
Japan Smaller	166.20	176.80	+1.40	...
Masterfund	43.73	46.52	-0.06	0.97
Scotbits	239.60	254.80	-0.10	1.65
Scotshares	249.90	264.70	-0.80	2.84
Scotyields	216.70	230.50*	+0.40	4.04
Select Intl	123.60	131.40†	-0.70	0.75
Smaller Cos	212.00	225.50†	-0.30	4.26
Special Situation	105.00	111.70	-0.70	0.76
UK Equity	216.70	230.50	-0.20	2.91
US Growth	133.60	142.10†	-2.10	0.34
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	229.24	244.52	-1.57	0.57
-do- Acc	247.66	264.16	-1.70	0.57
Australian	127.64	136.14	-1.37	0.98
-do- Acc	150.05	160.05	-1.61	0.98
UK Enterprise	197.97	211.16†	-1.53	2.69
-do- Acc	228.69	243.93	-1.77	2.69
European Gth	59.30	63.14†	-0.32	1.30
-do- Acc	61.38	65.36	-0.33	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	55.09	58.76†	-0.30	0.34
-do- Acc	55.47	59.16	-0.30	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	64.63	68.93	+0.03	...
-do- Acc	65.67	70.04	+0.03	...
Fixed Interest	51.77	54.61†	+0.13	8.60
-do- Acc	63.61	67.10	+0.16	8.60
Gilt Income	102.70	108.21†	+0.27	8.45
-do- Acc	143.50	151.23†	+0.38	8.45
Income	291.90	311.55†	-1.00	4.17
-do- Acc	861.14	918.56	-2.93	4.17
Japan Enterprise	62.20	66.34†	+1.34	...
-do- Acc	62.20	66.34	+1.34	...
Japan Smllr Cos	389.23	415.17†	+6.14	...
-do- Acc	390.01	416.00	+6.15	..
Pacific Gth	84.08	89.68	+0.89	0.48
-do- Acc	86.57	92.34	+0.92	0.48
Smaller Cos	180.62	192.66†	-0.93	1.06
-do- Acc	207.00	220.79	-1.07	1.06
Tokyo	99.14	105.74†	+2.42	...
-do- Acc	100.14	106.81	+2.45	...
UK Equity	197.65	210.82†	-1.52	2.80
-do- Acc	366.02	390.42	-2.82	2.80
US Smllr Cos	127.46	135.94	-0.72	...
-do- Acc	127.45	135.94	-0.72	...
World Fd	67.62	72.12	-0.29	1.69
-do- Acc	71.29	76.04	-0.30	1.69
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	42.14	44.88	+0.21	4.43
Equity Strategy	62.08	66.12	-0.19	1.80
European Opps	70.23	74.80	-0.04	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.36	100.90	+0.06	5.64
UK Smaller Cos	48.10	51.23	+0.10	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh, 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	332.30	355.10	-2.60	2.84
American	237.70	252.40	-1.70	0.90
Pacific	309.00	330.50	+3.50	0.74
European	445.10	476.00	-2.30	1.20
Worldwide	75.31	80.55	...	1.31
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity	294.90	313.80	-1.80	2.90
UK Sm Cos Eqty	188.90	201.00	-0.30	2.41
European	320.00	340.50†	-1.10	1.99
North American	239.70	255.00†	-2.50	0.59
Income Plus Inc	63.38	67.43†	-0.05	4.00
UK Spec Sits	64.09	68.19†	-0.47	2.38
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA				
031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.53	26.25†	-0.13	2.95
Intl Growth Acc	27.43	29.36†	-0.07	1.39
Global Inc Acc	30.50	32.64	-0.09	3.85
Market Ldrs Acc	25.39	27.18	-0.10	2.92
SG TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	79.09	84.58	-0.32	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.92	46.77†	-0.01	..
-do- Acc	46.51	49.52	-0.01	..
Far East Opps	28.94	31.15	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	29.73	32.01	-0.20	...
General Growth	95.94	102.70	-1.00	2.05

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Tech	108.30	117.10	-0.40	
Income Growth	97.32	104.60	-0.30	3.57
Income Monthly	55.32	59.16	-0.25	4.35
Japan Growth	75.48	80.26	+1.45	
Overseas Gth	73.54	78.18	+0.26	
Smaller Cos	69.18	74.38†	-0.20	[illegible]
Special Opps	96.66	103.94	-0.10	[illegible]
Wld Spec Sits	44.84	48.55	+0.13	
-do- Acc	45.00	49.66	+0.13	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 224, Beckenham BR3 4TF				
081 663 3003				
European	52.32	55.66	-0.13	1.25
Global Bond				
Japan Samurai				
UK Growth				
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
0800 393777				
Managed	42.63	45.30	-0.10	1.65
Equity Gth Acc	56.81	60.37	-0.10	1.61
UK Eq General	40.84	43.40†	-0.10	2.43
-do- Acc	54.00	57.38	-0.10	2.43
European Acc	40.12	42.63	+0.10	1.19
Far East Acc	51.78	55.02	-0.50	0.13
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.05	31.79†	...	6.69
N American Acc	42.17	44.81	+0.10	0.73
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	264.40	280.90	-1.30	1.49
UK Eq High Inc	33.72	35.83†	...	4.95
-do- Acc	40.04	42.55	+0.10	4.05
UK Lgr Cos Inc	280.90	304.80	-0.60	3.89
UK Lgr Cos Acc	365.70	396.60	-0.97	3.56
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.50	NZ$3.72	+0.032	1.13
US Eq	$2.042	$2.169	-0.034	0.90
Far East Eq	Y235.3	Y249.9	+16.50	..
Japan Eq	Y226.8	Y240.4	+7.20	..
FT Europe	110.20	117.00	-1.90	2.17
FT North Am	$1.689	$1.791	-0.046	1.08
FT Japan	Y235.7	Y250.3	+21.90	..
FT Asia Ex Jap	114.10	121.20	-1.00	1.80
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh				
031 226 3271				
American	330.50	351.20	-3.10	0.30
British	909.20	961.90	-4.70	4.40
European	375.80	399.90	-2.80	1.50
Japan	133.30	141.80	+1.90	
New Pacific	278.20	296.30	-2.80	1.32
Mngd Cash	95.43	95.43	...	5.34
Majority Stg	99.59	100.58	+0.01	5.24
Inv Tst	177.30	187.90	-0.30	1.90
Saints PPP	360.90	380.30	..	
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex				
0277 227300				
Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	705.00	754.00	-5.80	2.49
N America Acc	108.00	115.50	-0.30	0.20
Far East Acc	113.80	121.70	-0.10	
W wide Bond	59.76	63.44†	-0.04	5.38
European	80.09	85.66	-0.74	0.36
Equity Income	79.44	84.96	-0.31	3.75
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ				
Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.76	35.04	-0.25	0.64
Managed Assets	114.92	122.91	-0.24	3.35
UK Income	35.46	37.93	-0.19	3.04
UK Growth	34.90	37.33	-0.17	2.34
Worldwide Gth	29.83	31.91	+0.05	0.47
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE				
0264 346794				
American	195.63	208.12	-0.80	0.01
-do- Acc	214.87	228.59	-0.87	0.01
British Gth	81.77	86.99†	-0.23	1.86
-do- Acc	96.21	102.35†	-0.29	1.86
European	90.28	96.04	-0.57	0.84
-do- Acc	95.22	101.30	-0.60	0.84
Extra Inc	178.21	189.58†	-2.50	3.90
-do- Acc	284.27	302.42†	-4.00	3.90
General Unit	251.53	267.58	-1.67	2.51
-do- Acc	496.32	528.00	-3.19	2.51
Income	308.78	328.49	-1.12	3.51
-do- Acc	628.94	669.08	-2.26	3.51
International	463.64	493.23	-1.90	0.51
-do- Acc	606.05	644.73	-2.48	0.51
Pacific	313.44	333.45	+5.16	..
-do- Acc	328.27	349.22	+5.40	
Premier Income	50.84	52.96	-0.03	6.48
-do- Acc	104.41	108.76	-0.08	6.48
Nat Resources	95.24	101.32†	-1.76	0.63
-do- Acc	104.46	111.13†	-1.92	0.63
Selected Opps	90.55	96.33†	-0.73	1.14
-do- Acc	113.37	120.61†	-0.91	1.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF				
071 493 7262				
Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smi Cos	65.79	66.03	-1.13	..
-do- Acc	65.78	70.16	-1.16	...
Cash	50.27	50.27†	+0.01	6.25
-do- Acc	61.39	61.39†	+0.01	6.25
European Opps	60.11	64.11	-0.21	0.46
-do- Acc	60.74	64.78	-0.21	0.46
Far East Opps	139.28	147.49†	+1.79	..
-do- Acc	141.50	150.93†	+1.83	
Gold/Nat Res	40.15	42.82	-0.59	
-do- Acc	41.30	44.05	-0.60	
Japan	74.09	79.02	+1.97	
-do- Acc	74.09	79.02	+1.97	
Little Dragons	60.98	65.04	+0.28	0.76
-do- Acc	62.54	66.70	+0.27	0.76
Oriental Income	40.00	42.66†	+0.30	3.73
-do- Acc	51.00	54.49†	+0.39	3.73
Tiger	196.06	209.13	+0.23	1.26
-do- Acc	205.08	218.75	+0.25	1.26
UK Small Cos	66.14	69.66	+0.05	2.28
-do- Acc	75.99	81.27	+0.05	2.28
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ				
031 225 1551				
Australasn Gold	13.25	14.09	+0.07	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.31	31.18	-0.04	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.83	39.19	...	0.10
Global Bond	$0.965	$1.005	-0.004	7.51
Penny Share	21.40	22.76	-0.08	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT				
071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.46	52.46	..	5.83
Gilt Growth	66.39	69.08	+0.16	..
Gilt Income	52.25	54.37†	+0.09	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	107.10	108.50†	+0.10	3.50
US Govmnt Bd	$0.713	$0.722	-0.000	..
Challenger	91.41	93.53	+0.01	..
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG				
081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.00	69.78	-0.28	1.95

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	3,700	Coats Vyla	1,000	Legal & Gn	2,200	Scot & New	540
Alld-Lyons	1,400	Cm Union	853	Lloyds Bk	1,500	Scot Power	1,100
Anglian W	425	Courtaulds	941	MB Cardn	620	Sears	2,900
Argyll Gp	3,100	De La Rue	250	Marks Spr	4,300	Svrn Trent	770
Arjo Wig	715	Eng China	612	NFC	1,300	Shell Trans	3,000
AB Foods	759	Enterpr Oil	1,400	NatWst Bk	2,400	Siebe	469
BAA	990	Fisons	3,200	Nat Power	1,400	SmKl Bch	2,900
BAT Inds	4,600	Forte	4,400	Nth Wst W	1,700	Smith Nph	3,400
BOC	1,100	GRE	175	Nthrn Fds	2,700	Smith (WH)	414
BP	7,900	GUS A	544	P & O	987	Sthern Elec	828
BT	9,400	Gen Acc	579	Pearson	328	Std Chard	211
BTR	6,200	Gen Elec	11,000	PowerGen	845	Sun Allnce	841
Bk of Scot	2,300	Glaxo	3,800	Prudential	2,000	TI Gp	675
Barclays	2,700	Granada	1,800	RTZ	3,100	TSB	2,100
Bass	1,000	Grand Met	4,900	Rank Org	943	Tate & Lyle	1,600
Blue Circle	2,300	Guinness	3,700	Reckitt Col	2,200	Tesco	7,100
Boots	2,100	HSBC	1,300	Redland	2,500	Thames W	197
Bowater	213	Hanson	5,600	Reed Intl	387	Thrn EMI	640
Brit Airwys	2,900	ICI	1,100	Rentokil	821	Tomkins	2,600
Brit Gas	6,700	Inchcape	342	Reuters	1,300	Unilever	1,500
Brit Steel	5,900	Kingfisher	671	Rothmans	508	Utd Bisc	1,500
Burmah C	263	Kwik Save	1,300	Ryl Ins	2,300	Vodafone	1,300
Cable Wire	1,900	LASMO	2,200	Ryl Bk Scot	920	Wellcome	4,200
Cadbury	1,600	Ladbroke	4,800	Sainsbury	2,800	Whitbd 'A'	357
Carlton C	674	Land Secs	819	Scot Hydro	1,300	Wllms Hld	627

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3385.13 (+7.56)
S&P Composite .... 440.92 (-0.24)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19829.23 (+342.43)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6281.70 (-59.13)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 107.5 (-0.5)

Sydney: AO .... 1654.9 (-3.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1650.31 (-15.09)

FT 30 share: .... 2182.7 (-7.2)

Brussels:
General .... 6293.65 (-17.43)

Paris: CAC .... 539.69 (+4.08)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 490.2 (-1.0)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1385.01 (-4.19)
FT 500 .... 1514.68 (-5.75)
FT Gold Mines .... 130.0 (-4.5)
FT Fixed Interest .... 112.88 (+0.10)
FT Govt Secs .... 97.20 (+0.28)
Bargains 25369
SEAQ Volume 508.0m
USM (Datastrm) .... 130.63 (-0.28)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 16	July 15	July 26

Call options were taken out on 7/4/93: BM Group, Enterprise Comp, Evered Bardon, Fairhaven, Hammerson Ord, Kewill Systems, Maddox, Premier Cons Oil, Spring Ram, Surrey Group, Walker Greenbank.
Put: Harrison. **Puts & Calls:** BM Group, Fairhaven, Spring Ram.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2843.5	2854.0	2808.5	2825.0	11179
Previous open interest: 42577	Sep 93				2844.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.23	94.25	94.20	94.23	11142
Previous open interest: 287711	Sep 93	94.36	94.37	94.33	94.37	4917
	Dec 93	94.29	94.34	94.29	94.33	1492
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.69	96.70	96.69	96.70	329
Previous open interest: 17870	Sep 93	96.51	96.53	96.50	96.53	159
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.88	92.88	92.78	92.86	40079
Previous open interest: 495392	Sep 93	93.77	93.77	93.67	93.75	23335
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				109-23	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				108-15	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	106-12	106-25	106-12	106-19	25129
Previous open interest: 56744	Sep 93				105-22	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.76	107.85	107.40	107.85	2380
	Sep 93				107.27	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.90	96.15	95.71	96.10	77931
Previous open interest: 153901	Sep 93	96.25	96.25	96.03	96.38	296
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.94	91.94	91.84	91.93	1116
Previous open interest: 17342	Sep 93	92.82	92.84	92.77	92.83	561
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.46	95.50	95.40	95.48	6350
Previous open interest: 34265	Sep 93	95.88	95.88	95.82	95.87	1236
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.00	94.50	93.75	94.32	18461
Previous open interest: 53104	Sep 93	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.23	14

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 79.9 (day's range 79.9-80.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 7	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7427-2.7524	2.7488-2.7522	[illegible]ds	1-1[illegible]ds
Brussels	50.13-50.48	50.37-50.48	10-14ds	28-34ds
Copenhagen	9.3710-9.4110	9.3880-9.4110	3[illegible]-5[illegible]ds	12[illegible]-14[illegible]ds
Dublin	0.9945-0.9985	0.9950-0.9971	21-27ds	65-75ds
Frankfurt	2.4395-2.4519	2.4471-2.4504	[illegible]ds	1[illegible]-1[illegible]ds
Lisbon	226.78-227.62	227.10-227.56	214-286ds	486-714ds
Madrid	174.81-175.58	175.07-175.36	111-136ds	360-367ds
Milan	2412.00-2422.40	2417.60-2422.40	12-15ds	35-38ds
Montreal	1.9061-1.9194	1.9061-1.9082	0.18-0.07pr	0.27-0.13pr
New York	1.5120-1.5215	1.5120-1.5130	0.35-0.33pr	1.02-0.99pr
Oslo	10.3980-10.4380	10.4010-10.4250	1[illegible]-3ds	6[illegible]-8ds
Paris	8.2580-8.2910	8.2630-8.2770	2[illegible]-3[illegible]ds	7-8ds
Stockholm	11.5970-11.6320	11.5970-11.6200	3[illegible]-4[illegible]ds	10[illegible]-12[illegible]ds
Tokyo	172.21-173.61	172.21-172.41	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1pr
Vienna	17.12-17.26	17.20-17.25	2[illegible]-4ds	6[illegible]-8[illegible]ds
Zurich	2.2483-2.2592	2.2483-2.2514	[illegible]pr-par	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5134-1.5160
Australia dollar	2.1476-2.1507
Bahrain dinar	0.5675-0.5795
Brazil cruzeiro*	40628.8-40685.4
Cyprus pound	0.7245-0.7345
Finland marka	8.832-8.948
Greece drachma	331.0-338.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.7256-11.7349
India rupee	47.20-48.16
Kuwait dinar KD	0.454-0.464
Malaysia ringgit	3.9138-3.9180
Mexico peso	4.63-4.73
New Zealand dollar	2.8302-2.8374
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.542-5.768
Singapore dollar	2.4628-2.4660
S Africa rand (fin)	6.869-6.919
S Africa rand (com)	4.8302-4.8365
U A E dirham	5.523-5.647

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4158-1.4168
Austria	11.29-11.31
Belgium (Com)	33.05-33.09
Canada	1.2615-1.2620
Denmark	6.18-6.19
France	5.444-5.449
Germany	1.6095-1.6105
Hong Kong	7.7295-7.7305
Ireland	1.5175-1.5195
Italy	1590.0-1592.0
Japan	114.05-114.10
Malaysia	2.580-2.581
Netherlands	1.808-1.809
Norway	6.855-6.865
Portugal	149.55-149.75
Singapore	1.6235-1.6245
Spain	115.75-115.95
Sweden	7.6475-7.6575
Switzerland	1.4845-1.4855

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6[illegible]
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5[illegible] Low 4[illegible] Week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5[illegible] close 6.

Local Authority Deps:	5[illegible]	n/a	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.11-3.08	3.22-3.18	3.46-3.43
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1993 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.36 %. Schemes II & III: 7.25 %. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to Mar 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.028 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-3	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]
Deutschemark:	8[illegible]-7[illegible]	8[illegible]-8[illegible]	7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	8[illegible]-7[illegible]
French Franc:	10[illegible]-10[illegible]	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	8[illegible]	10[illegible]-9[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	5[illegible]-4[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-4[illegible]	4[illegible]-4[illegible]	5[illegible]-4[illegible]
Yen:	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $336.70-337.10 Close: $336.10-336.60 High: $337.85-338.35 Low: $336.00-336.50 Krugerrand: $334.00-337.00 (£221.00-223.00)

Sovereigns: Old $79.50-82.50 (£51.50-53.50) New $79.50-82.50 (£51.50-53.50)

Platinum: $359.25 (£236.65) **Silver:** $3.80 (£2.515) **Palladium:** $110.65 (£72.90)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	550	12	31	39	6	35	42
(*556)	600	1	12	21	51	70	74
ASDA	57	9	14	15	1	3	5½
(*66½)	67	2	6	11	4	8	10½
Bass	550	5	28	42	12	33	39
(*547)	600	1	12	23	58	67	72
Boots	460	10	31	42	5	23	27
(*465½)	500	1	13	26	39	46	49
Br Airways	260	13	27	34	4½	12	17
(*272½)	280	2½	17	25	12½	21	26
BP	280	24	33	38	1	8½	13
(*306)	300	6½	21	27	4½	17	22
	330	1	9	14½	29	36	40
Br Steel	80	1½	6½	9	4	9½	11½
(*81)	90	1	3½	6	14	16½	15
C & W	700	21	49	61	5	30	38
(*720½)	750	3	25	38	39	59	66
CU	550	27	51	57	1½	17	29
(*606½)	600	3	26	34	30	40	53
Courtauld	550	9½	29½	41	6	30	36
(*555½)	600	1	11	21	50	65	69
GKN	420	34	49	56	1	11	19
(*450)	460	4	26	33	13	28	38
Grnd Met	420	4	24	32	12	28	31
(*416½)	460	1	10	18	52	56	61
ICI	1150	11½	62	74	24	61	82
(*1141½)	1200	3	40	53	62	92	115
	1250	1	26	37	118	129	150
Kingfshr	584	7	30	42	10	36	44
(*591)	632	1	13	24	52	68	73
Ladbroke	160	8	21	27	1	11	17
(*167)	180	1	11	18	14	23	30
Land Sec	500	35	41	48	1	13	18
(*535)	550	3	12	21	21	45	46
M & S	330	11	22	29	2	14	19
(*339)	360	1	9	16	24	33	35
Sainsbury	460	9	28	40	6	26	34
(*463½)	500	3	15	24	41	55	57
Shell	550	35	51	61	1½	7	15
(*586)	600	3	22	30	18	26	38
Smkl Bch	390	28	49	59	1	16	23
(*414)	420	7	31	43	11	30	36
Storehse	180	19	25	34	1½	9	12
(*197½)	200	5½	15	24	5	17	22
Trafalgar	74	5	9½	11	2	6	7½
(*78)	83	1½	6½	9	8	12	14
Unilever	1100	28	68	91	4	25	35
(*1128)	1150	5	43	63	24	51	58
Utd Bisc	360	25	40	51	1	11	16
(*382½)	390	4½	24	34	10	23	29

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA	750	40	52	66	11	28	35
(*778½)	800	14	27	42	35	53	63
BAT Ind	850	38	64	75	23	38	57
(*870½)	900	16	40	51	53	67	86
BTR	600	18	32	42	17	25	35
(*600)	650	4	14	22	54	57	65
Br Aero	260	25	39	52	14	26	33
(*270)	280	15	29	40	27	36	44
Br Telcm	420	16	24	31	9½	21	26
(*427½)	460	3½	8½	15	37	48	51
Cadbury	460	26	40	49	7½	16	24
(*474)	500	8	21	29	31	37	44
Guinness	460	15	30	40	20	27	37
(*464)	500	4	15	24	50	53	61
GEC	300	25	32	35	3½	9	12
(*323)	330	8	14	19	15	24	26
Hanson	220	16	19½	25	3	7	11
(*231½)	240	5	10	14	13	17	22
LASMO	140	17	24	28	4½	10	14
(*154)	160	6½	14	19	14	20	25
Lucas	120	12	17	21	6	10	15
(*127½)	130	6½	12½	16	11	15½	21
P & O	550	23	44	55	18	32	51
(*559½)	600	7	22	34	55	65	84
Pilkngtn	110	12	15	20	4	8	11
(*115½)	120	7	10	15	8½	14	16
Prudential	300	30	38	43	3	7½	13
(*327½)	330	10	20	27	13	20	26
RTZ	650	24	50	59	20	32	44
(*654½)	700	7	23	37	55	65	75
Scot New	460	14	24	32	18	33	39
(*456)	500	3	11	18	48	63	68
Tesco	220	12	20	28	5	15	19
(*229)	240	5	12	18	22	25	30
Thames W	550	25	35	40	10	26	31
(*562½)	600	5½	12	20	42	60	63
Vodafone	360	34	42	53	6	15	20
(*384½)	390	15	25	37	17	27	34

FT-SE INDEX (*2621)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Apr	76	34	11	4½	1	1½
May	105	72	45	23	12	8
Jun	121	92	64	44	28	18
Jul	145	113	87	62	50	33
Dec	-	196	-	142	-	101
Puts						
Apr	5	15	42	85	138	187
May	28	46	70	101	144	189
Jun	42	64	86	113	152	195
Jul	59	80	98	129	167	206
Dec	-	132	-	177	-	237

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	360	25	33	40	11	18	23
(*368½)	390	11	18	26	26	35	38
Amstrad	30	4½	6½	8	2½	3½	5
(*32)	35	2½	4½	6	5½	6½	7
Barclays	390	34	43	52	13	22	28
(*406½)	420	17	28	37	28	38	44
Blue Circ	220	12	20	24	17	22	29
(*222)	240	6	13	17	33	36	41
Br Gas	280	34	36	39	4	7	12
(*311)	300	16½	23	27	10	15	21
	330	4	10	15	31	33	39
Dixons	200	25	28	35	10	18	22
(*210)	220	13	18	26	22	29	33
Eurotnnl	460	37	55	78	38	49	59
(*461½)	500	20	39	60	59	74	81
Forte	160	23	26	29	6	11	14
(*182)	180	10	15	19	16	20	25
Glaxo	550	60	80	89	18	29	45
(*583½)	600	33	54	64	42	56	72
	650	16	35	47	77	89	105
HSBC	600	43	62	75	26	42	52
(*610½)	650	21	40	53	55	70	78
Hillsdwn	140	13	16	21	10	14	18
(*149)	160	4	10	13	23	26	30
Lonrho	80	10	13	16	5½	9½	10
(*83)	90	5	9	12	11½	14½	17
Reuter	1300	80	118	150	38	68	84
(*1330)	1350	55	92	122	65	94	113
R-Royce	120	11	16	20	8	12	15
(*122½)	130	7	12	15	13	18	21
Sears	100	7	10	13	7½	9½	12
(*102½)	110	2½	5½	8	15	17	18
Thm Emi	850	35	49	60	30	55½	63
(*855)	900	16	28	40	62	89	95½
TSB	160	20	24	27	5	9½	13
(*172)	180	9	14	17	14	20	22
Vaal Reefs	50	5½	8½	10	5½	7	8
(*$50)	60	3	3	7	11	12	15
Wellcome	700	46	73	88	48	65	83
(*697½)	750	30	51	67	82	97	113

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons	160	11	21	29	5½	17	21
(*168)	180	2½	13	21	16	29	33

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	36	46	52	5	18	24
(*491½)	500	13	23	31	22	39	44

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Nat Pwr	330	29	38	48	7½	13	16
(*350)	360	13	23	32	21	26	30
Scot Pwr	330	14	20	25	12	21	24
(*329½)	350	6½	11	16½	25	34	36

April 7, 1993 **Tot:** 39857 **Calls:** 20988 **Puts:** 18869 **FT-SE Calls:** 5226 **Puts:** 5535
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The cocoa market ignored the 5.48% fall in the German first quarter 1993 grind statistics to end the day only marginally weaker. There was no sign of a pick up in trading interest ahead of the Easter break. Sugar, however, *sustained more losses as the lack of physical demand and perceptions* that technical tightness in the raws contract encouraged fresh sales.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

May	686-684	Jul	776-775
Jun	698-697	Sep	790-786
Sep	711-710	Dec	814-808
Dec	729-728	Mar	842-820
Mar	740-748		
May	763-762		Volume: 1485

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	884-882	Jan	870-868
Jul	845-844	Mar	885 SLR
Sep	848-846	May	unq
Nov	856-852		Volume: 3974

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	222.0-10.0
Spot: 244.7		Mar	unq
May	255.0-48.0	May	228.0-24.0
Aug	260.0-58.0	Aug	unq
Oct	252.0-50.0		Volume: 27

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	280.0-78.0
Spot: 291.0		Mar	281.5-79.0
May	291.0-90.0	May	284.5-80.0
Aug	294.0-92.5	Aug	289.0-83.5
Oct	279.5-77.5		Volume: 1174

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 7

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	93.02	133.37	135.31
(+/-)	-1.43	+0.03	+1.30
Eng/Wales:	93.02	135.61	135.33
(+/-)	-1.43	-2.09	+1.53
(%)	-8.0	-33.5	-17.4
Scotland:	n/a	121.39	135.22
(+/-)	n/a	-11.15	+0.19
(%)	n/a	-44.5	-17.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	112.0	112.0	Jul	104.5	104.5
Jun	109.0	109.0			Volume: 49

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

May	143.95
Jun	144.50
Sep	108.40
Nov	110.65
Jan	113.50
	Volume: 146

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	139.95
Sep	106.60
Nov	109.65
Mar	112.25
May	113.65
	Volume: 1

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	144.00
Jun	138.50
Aug	139.50
Oct	143.50
Dec	unq
	Volume: 85

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	41.5	41.3
Apr	91.0	92.8
May	100.0	99.5
		Volume: 94

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
May 60.50-61.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The oil market looked as if it was quietly heading for a long weekend.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.65	n/c
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.80	+0.05
Brent 15 day (May)	18.90	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.35	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.55	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	206 (n/c)	208 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	182 (+3)	183 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Apr	181 (+3)	182 (+3)
Non EEC 1H May	177 (n/c)	178 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	76 (n/c)	77 (-1)
Naphtha	176 (+1)	177 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Apr	179.75-80.00	Jul	174.50-74.75
May	175.00-75.25	Aug	176.00-76.25
Jun	174.00-74.25	Sep	177.75-78.00
			Vol: 20824

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	18.88-18.89	Aug	18.93-18.97
Jun	18.98-18.99	Sep	19.02 SLR
Jul	18.92-18.94		Vol: 22413

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Apr	202.00-03.50	Jul	202.00-12.50
May	205.00-06.00	Aug	213.50 SLR
Jun	204.00-08.00		Vol: 4

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 93	1430	1420	1427
May 93	1410	1405	1410
Jun 93	unq	unq	1340
Jul 93	1250	1240	1250

Vol: 80 lots. Open int'st: 3046 Index 1476 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1331.0-1331.5	1355.5-1356.0	125475
Lead (£/tonne)	276.00-276.25	284.75-285.25	88150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	991.00-991.50	1010.0-1010.5	188500
Tin ($/tonne)	5590.0-5595.0	5655.0-5660.0	15115
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1103.0-1104.0	1125.5-1126.0	882875
Nickel ($/tonne)	6005.0-6010.0	6080.0-6085.0	32196

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Utd Nwspaprs	Newspapr,Pub	
2	PowerGen	Electricity	
3	Wimpey G	Building,Rds	
4	CALA	Building,Rds	
5	Rank Org	Industrial	
6	API	Paper,Print	
7	Presidio	Oils, Gas	
8	Sth Wales	Electricity	
9	YRM	Building,Rds	
10	Eng China Cl	Industrial	
11	South West	Water	
12	GEC	Electrical	
13	News Corp	Newspapr,Pub	
14	Cable Wireless	Electrical	
15	Utd Friendly	Insurance	
16	Barr (AG)	Foods	
17	Bk Of Ireland	Banks,Disc	
18	Wintrust	Banks,Disc	
19	Legal & Gen	Insurance	
20	MFI	Drapery,Strs	
21	Meyer Int	Building,Rds	
22	Jourdan (T)	Industrial	
23	Brammer	Industrial	
24	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Air	
25	Glaxo	Industrial	
26	Northumbrian	Water	
27	Winkels	Mining	
28	Stylo	Shoes,Lth	
29	Intereurope	Paper,Print	
30	EMAP	Newspapr,Pub	
31	Burmah Castrl	Oils, Gas	
32	Baltic Plc	Finance, Land	
33	Nat West	Banks,Disc	
34	Br Polythene	Industrial	
35	GWR Gp	Leisure	
36	Headlam	Shoes,Lth	
37	Body Shop	Drapery,Strs	
38	Telegraph	Newspapr,Pub	
39	Delta	Electrical	
40	Minorco	Mining	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	345	Abbey Ntl	369	-1	11.5	3.9	14.2
248	179	Allied Irish	245	+2	...	4.6	–
176	130	Aust New Z	151	-1	...	6.4	...
3301½	2831¼	BankAmerica	3281¼	+6½	...	...	...
248	188	Bk of Ireland	243	+3	...	4.9	38.9
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	129½	-2½	4.3	4.5	19.0
464	362	Barclays	407	+5	15.1	4.7	–
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	-½	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	18½	...	...	...	...
472	395	Cater Allen	472	+1	26.0	6.9	...
115	85	Cattles	113 †	...	...	4.6	–
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2250 †	-25	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1856½	-18½	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	343	...	...	3.5	15.3
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£121½	-100	...	3.2	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£286	-350	...	2.2	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	60	...	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1180	+16	...	0.4	63.6
435	343	Gerrard Nat	434	...	21.0	6.0	...
654	490	HSBC	611 †	-2	19.0	3.9	–
634	474	HSBC HK	587 †	+1	19.0	4.0	–
356	343	Hambros	325	...	13.8	5.3	14.4
363	313	Joseph (L)	360	...	15.8	5.5	...
126	96	King Shaxson	125	+1	5.0	5.0	...
395	312	Kleinwort Ben	378	-5	16.0	5.3	13.1
573	492	Lloyds	532	-9	18.4	4.3	15.2
86	63	Lon Scot Bk	85	-1	3.0	4.4	16.8
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	406	+2	...	5.3	13.2
485	398	Nat West	442	+7	17.5	4.9	26.8
800	674	Provident	820	+1	28.5	4.3	14.2
47	39	Rea Bros	43 †	...	0.5	1.5	45.7
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	259	-3	8.8	4.2	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1793 †	-5	22.0	1.5	–
731	576	Stand Chart	700	-2	...	3.6	...
187½	145½	TSB	173	...	6.4	4.6	...
119	78	Union Disc	104	...	...	...	...
646	529	Warburg SG	640	+2	18.0	3.5	18.9
217	185	-do- 6% 'A'	214	+2	...	3.5	...
7625	4843½	Wells Fargo	6850½	-56½	...	1.5	...
191	121	Westpac	140	...	...	5.9	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	+2	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	552	Allied-Lyons	558	-12	20.0	4.5	12.9
647	533	Bass	548	-3	18.9	4.3	11.9
258	189	Boddington	249	...	7.3	3.7	14.5
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	406	-5	9.0	2.8	18.7
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	133	-1	4.4	4.2	9.7
307	261	Devenish (JA)	299	-8	7.8	3.3	16.8
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'•	90	...	...	4.5	23.8
69½	54½	Fosters Brewing	58	...	...	5.1	7.4
360	338	Fullr Sm 'A'•	360	...	...	2.3	15.1
480	411	Grand Met	418	-8	12.3	3.7	13.8
423	388	Greenalls Grp	388	-4	11.7	3.8	12.9
563	505	Greene King	580	-2	11.6	2.6	14.0
516	440	Guinness	464	-14	...	3.3	16.2
281	230	Hardy Hansn	238	...	7.9	4.1	13.2
113	108	Heavitree•	108	...	3.0	3.5	25.9
78	78	-do- 'A' LV•	78	...	3.0	4.9	18.7
288	255	Highland Distl	279	-3	6.0	2.7	18.4
3125	2538	Holt J	3000	-25	35.0	1.5	20.9
55	33	Hoskins Brew	47	...	...	...	33.8
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	262 †	-4	7.0	3.3	–
186	168	Macallan-Glen	168	-5	0.9	0.7	–
465	380	Mcdn Martn 'A'	390	...	8.8	2.8	12.3
730	655	Mansfield	729	...	13.6	2.3	15.7
256	231	Mrston Thmp	249	-2	4.9	2.5	14.6
435	412	Matthew Clark	422	...	15.7	4.7	12.7
300	255	Mrrydwn W	261	...	...	3.0	18.8
490	455	Morland	455	-3	8.4	2.3	18.1
12	6½	Paramount•	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
950	768	SA Breweries	863	+3	...	3.1	–
487½	408	Scot & New	457	-5	16.1	4.4	12.5
198	161	Taunton Cider	190	...	...	3.1	17.7
242	213	Vaux Group	236	-3	9.3	5.0	16.3
268	225	Wetherspoon JD	258 †	...	...	2.3	20.8
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	456	-5	16.9	4.6	12.8
1180	875	-do- 'B'	875	-63	16.9	2.4	24.6
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	583	-6	11.4	2.4	16.4
515	480	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton•	19	-1	...	...	...
106	87	Allen•	88	-5	...	7.1	10.8
94	65	Amec	81	...	3.0	4.7	–
9½	4	Anglia Sec	5½	...	...	...	...
188	155	Ashtead•	175	-1	4.1	3.0	21.7
142	111	Atwoods	111	-3	5.0	5.7	15.8
238	180	BPB Ind	205	+3	...	4.6	52.1
80	57	Baggeridge Brk	74	...	3.1	5.3	24.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barcom	74	...	1.2	2.1	13.4
138	94	Barratt Devs	127 †	-1	2.0	2.0	14.1
392	305	Bellway	392	+2	11.5	3.7	22.7
32	15	Bellwinch	22	...	...	...	...
370	295½	Berkeley Gp	379	+3	...	2.0	26.1
63	45	Bett Bros	58	...	...	...	2.4
46	36	Blockleys	42	-3	1.0	3.0	–
240	189	Blue Circle	222	+3	11.2	6.3	22.2
280	230	Boot (Henry)	277	-1	...	2.4	15.1
106	78	Breedon PLC	90	+1	4.6	6.6	–
105	82	Br Dredging	95	...	5.2	7.0	–
70	45	Brit Fittings	54	...	5.3	...	...
130	99	Bryant	125½	...	4.8	4.8	26.8
83	51	CALA	55 †	+2	2.3	...	...
258	205	CRH	252 †	+3	...	3.7	16.0
43	22	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
37	23	Costain	32	+2	...	...	...
129	90	Countryside	120	...	4.1	4.3	31.7
93	38	Crest Nicholson	58	+1	0.0	...	...
65	28	Cussins	60	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton•	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	21½	...	0.5	2.9	...
188	178	Epwin	187	...	6.8	4.7	–
47	32	Erith	42	...	2.0	...	...
33½	25½	Eve Group•	30½	-½	2.0	7.1	–
50	34	Evered Bardon	36	...	...	...	...
6½	4½	Explaura•	6	...	...	...	...
124	97	Freeman Gp•	120	...	4.3	...	15.7
50	38	Galliford	39	-1	...	...	...
78	68	Gibbs & Dandy	68	...	12.7	2.1	11.1
753	645	Gleeson (MJ)	753	...	1.0	1.2	...
105	78	Hewden-Stuart	104½	...	2.6	...	49.8
50	28	Hewetson	50	-3	12.5	6.7	...
248	186	Heywood Wim	232 †	+3	2.5	5.5	–
69	37	Higgs & Hill	58	-1	2.5	...	10.7
35	27	How Gp	31	...	0.5	3.7	...
10	15	Howard Hldgs	17	...	0.0	...	...
61	39	Ibstock Johnsen	54	...	0.5	...	...
19	14½	Jarvis	17½	...	...	...	...
247	196	Laing (J)	227 †	+1	9.0	5.0	23.3
83	55	Lo Clydeside•	62	...	4.5	9.1	...
21½	10½	Lovell (Y)	20	+½	...	...	9.1
305	240	Manders	283	-6	9.0	3.8	17.9
128	93	Marley	128 †	-3	4.2	4.1	–
76	61	Marshalls	70	-1	...	6.9	23.4
130	122	Maunders (J)	124 †	...	6.5	5.6	11.4
161	96	McAlpine (A)	160	...	6.5	5.1	27.7
35	23	McCarthy & S	32½	...	0.5	6.1	...
335	284	Meyer Int	318	+5	16.5	6.5	32.7
4	4	Miklo Gp•	4	...	...	...	...
93	62	Mowlem (J)	88	+3	4.0	5.8	...
78	68	NSM	69	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler•	48	...	...	4.0	–
140	106	Newman Tnks	132	-1	...	4.5	–
246	197	Persimmon	238	+1	8.6	4.5	24.3
26	22	Phoenix Timber	22	...	...	...	...
1625	1460½	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	9.4
96	80	Prowting	91 †	-2	3.4	4.7	–
6½	4½	Quiligotti•	4½	...	...	...	...
633	555	RMC Gp	601	+1	20.0	4.2	22.4
117	91	Raine Ind	92	-1	6.0	8.2	15.4
36	20	Ramus•	22	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	435	+6	...	7.5	29.7
75	64	Rossi	72	...	4.9	7.8	–
254	207	Rugby Group	245 †	...	6.4	3.3	–
40	25	Smilo-Bros•	40	...	...	...	...
104	68	Sharpe & Fisher	99	-3	4.0	5.2	...
172	110	Sheffield Insl	159 †	...	5.4	4.3	–
91	82	Sheriff Hldgs•	88	...	...	2.7	11.0
95	66	Shorco•	82	...	...	8.2	–
228	205	Smart (J)	205	-10	8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Starmin	5½	...	0.3	6.6	6.6
128	103	Tarmac	128	+3	5.5	5.4	52.9
194	137	Tay Homes	173 †	-1	5.8	4.2	11.1
97	63	Taylor Woodrw	96	+4	1.6	1.3	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	493	...	33.0	8.8	–
24	19	Torex Hire•	23	...	...	2.2	...
192	168	Travis Perkins	185	...	8.0	5.4	26.2
34	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.2
28	26	Tudor•	26	...	...	...	...
67	41	Vibroplant	46	...	3.6	9.8	8.5
41	20	Ward Hldgs	35	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	445	...	10.7	3.1	–
14	8	Wescol•	13	...	...	...	...
121	90	Westbury	118	+1	...	5.1	...
12	4½	West Scaffold•	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9½	...	...	...	...
399	371	Wilson Bowdn	389	+2	8.7	2.8	–
178	147	Wilson (C)	163	+3	3.9	3.1	–
157	107	Wimpey G	143 †	+4	5.2	4.6	–
41	25	YRM	41	+3	4.0	...	4.7

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	580	...	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	-5	11.0	6.5	3.3
88	56	Air London•	81	...	...	5.4	10.0
50	37	Africke Lakes	47	...	2.8	3.6	...
175	125	Asco Sec	156	...	5.3	4.3	–
108	84	BET Ord	85	-1	...	9.6	12.4
75	41	BNB Res	70 †	-1	4.9	8.7	–
318	258	BPP	284 †	...	8.0	3.5	–
285	250	Barbour Index	250	-5	7.2	3.6	18.6
20	15	Boustead	17	...	0.7	5.3	–
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	209	-5	...	2.4	17.4
14	11	Broadcastle•	14	...	...	...	–
65	55	Brooks Service	55	...	4.0	...	17.5
104	86	CRT Gp	90	-2	2.4	3.3	10.3
486	419	Capita Group	472	-11	6.3	1.7	–
40	31	Caster Plc	38	-½	0.5	1.6	14.5
55	40	Chiltern Capital	51	...	...	...	...
35	26	Chrisde	33	...	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	286	...	...	1.3	29.4
33	18	Comag•	31	...	...	...	...
18½	6½	Corp Services	14½	...	...	...	...
80	50	Dart	60	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
230	198	Davis Service	230	+2	...	4.3	–
104	85	EW Fact•	97 †	-1	4.3	5.6	–
16½	11	Gardiner	16 †	...	0.6	5.2	–
35	20	Gardner (DC)	35	...	...	...	...
246	226	Hays	235	-3	4.6	2.5	23.0
220	175	Hogg Robinsn	176	...	6.3	4.5	13.2
70	56	Holmes Protectn	56	...	...	...	3.3
162	127	Hrtch Whamp	145	-1	...	3.3	...
£120½	9950	ISS B DKr	£117½	-125	...	0.9	16.6
637	532	Inchcape	590	-3	...	3.0	19.7
863	669	Johnson Clean	835 †	...	25.7	3.9	–
12	2½	Lep	9½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	214	...	2.7	1.6	17.6
1187	893	Manpower	1026	...	...	...	...
44½	41	Michael Page	42	...	1.8	5.5	–
279	217	Pennas•	223	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People•	2½	...	...	...	...
120	85	Proudfoot Alex	118	...	19.5	22.8	2.5
423	385	RCO	395	...	12.8	4.4	13.5
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
69	43	Reed Executive	55	...	...	...	...
156	122	Reliance Secs	122	...	...	4.6	12.3
238	208	Rentokil	214 †	-3	2.3	1.3	–
276	240	Rolfe & Nolan	277	...	6.2	2.8	18.6
399	343	Salvesen (C)	353	+3	7.0	2.5	19.5
35	29	Scot Pickford•	30	-1	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	171	+4	9.4	6.9	9.1
6	5	Select Appt•	6	...	...	...	...
953	695	Serco Gp	953	...	14.0	1.8	–
352	252	Sherwd Cmpa	311	-29	...	2.9	–
130	96	Sketchley	96	-14	3.0	3.9	11.7
355	327	Warner Howrd	335 †	-3	...	2.3	18.9
45	38	Welbac	38	...	0.6	2.0	...
23	14	Wills Gp	23	...	...	0.5	31.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	227	Allied Colloids	238	-2	3.9	2.1	18.1
759	613	Amersham	703	-7	12.5	2.2	26.1
7	4½	Anglo Utd	4½	...	0.8	...	...
£101¼	8325	BASF DM	9687½	-190½	...	7.1	...
269	231	BTP	252	-2	8.8	4.4	18.4
£119	£104½	Bayer DM50	£112½	...	...	5.0	...
156	134	Blagden	148	...	9.5	8.0	–
165	141	Brent Chems	141 †	...	7.4	6.6	–
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	465	-3	...	...	...
29	18	Cairl Gp	26	-½	1.3	6.4	–
153	127	Camping (W)	135	...	7.2	7.0	–
608	533½	Courtaulds	559	-5	13.0	2.9	15.2
270½	228	Croda	259	+6	7.756	3.7	–
146	121	Doeflex	128 †	...	4.6	4.5	–
198	175	Ellis & Everard	180	+4	7.0	4.9	16.4
28	15½	Enro Colour	20½	...	0.6	3.1	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285 †	...	...	2.6	14.3
225	194	Hickson	216	-1	8.0	4.7	–
£114½	9617½	Hoechst	£100½	-225	...	7.6	...
1284	1048	ICI	1142	-11	55.0	6.0	28.4
688	583	Laporte	671 †	+3	19.5	3.9	–
223	197	Leigh	197	-1	7.8	5.0	16.1
19½	12	MTM	14	...	1.8	...	2.8
1712½	1452½	Norsk Hydro	1600	...	...	1.8	...
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419 †	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	373 †	...	11.4	3.8	16.1
296	254	Plysu	268	...	6.0	2.8	18.1
210	173	Porvair	208	+2	3.6	2.2	22.2
13	7½	Satellite Speak	11	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	449	-1	16.0	4.5	17.8
490	395	Wolstenholme R	463	-2	17.0	4.7	–
391	356	Yorks Chem	380	-1	...	2.5	20.4
306	240	Yule Catto	295	...	5.4	2.3	17.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	78	-4	3.0	4.8	...
70	42	Amber Day	67	...	3.1	5.8	18.4
319	257	Argos Plc	301 †	-7	...	2.9	20.7
90	69	Ashley (Laura)	85	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	280	Asprey•	280	...	...	2.1	23.5
205	188	Austin Reed	188	...	6.0	...	54.7
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	5.7	5.1	13.5
121	97	Bentalls	120	...	3.8	4.0	67.7
273	208	Bowerware	258	...	...	0.6	35.5
31	22	Blacks Leis	25	...	3.3	...	4.5
227	133	Body Shop	220	+6	1.6	0.9	25.4
15½	12	Brown & Jacksn	14½	...	...	0.7	–
401	318	Brown (N)	365	...	6.0	2.1	22.6
84	64½	Burton	79½	-½	...	3.2	...
145	126	Cantors	144	...	...	2.3	19.1
320	295	Church	320 †	...	12.5	4.9	–
183	97	Clinton Cards	160	...	4.2	3.4	–
246	212	Coats Viyella	237½	-½	...	3.9	25.6
106	78	Colourvision•	88	...	...	...	14.9
469	374	Courts Furnish	468	...	5.0	1.3	23.5
155	115	Crown Eyes	140	...	...	5.4	6.5
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	96 †	...	...	3.9	–
65	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	63	-1½	1.0	2.0	...
291	208	Dixons Grp	230	+2	6.0	3.6	24.7
387	320	Dunhill	356	+2	7.7	2.7	12.3
21	12½	ERA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
530	400	Etys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.0	8.9
115	71	Essex Furn	99 †	...	...	3.5	16.8
226	203	Etam	208	+1	6.6	4.0	18.6
562	499	Fine Art Dev	534	...	11.0	2.5	21.3
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	–
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conne•	51	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabbicci•	44	-1	2.0	...	8.8
65	43	Gent SR	49 †	-3	2.0	5.1	14.4
41	23	Goldsmiths Gp	37	...	1.8	...	...
2650	2400	GUS	2645	...	40.0	1.9	21.1
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1619	+9	40.0	3.1	12.9
40	34	Hampden Grp•	38	...	...	3.4	–
277	125	Harrisons	128	-2	4.8	4.8	7.8
29½	20	Helene Plc	22½	-1	2.0	11.9	–
42	29	Heritage•	39	...	...	...	...
58	35	Honeysuckle•	51	...	...	2.5	7.2
189	128	Hse of Lerose	183 †	...	10.3	7.0	–
66	63	Jacques Vert	63	...	2.0	...	...
595	496	Kingfisher	581	+1	...	3.0	16.4
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
686	495	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	39.5
313	265	Lloyds Chem	285	...	5.5	2.4	11.2
152	120	MFI	127	+3	...	3.7	16.9
360	311	Marks Spencer	339	+1	7.1	2.6	20.6
490	445	Menzies (John)	480	+4	10.0	2.6	16.0
152	135	Moss Bros	151	...	5.0	4.1	29.1
174	139½	Next	168	-3½	2.5	1.9	–
23	15	Oliver (G)	22	...	...	...	...
250	212	Oriflame Intl	212	-3	...	5.7	13.6
68	45	Peruss	49	...	1.5	3.9	–
313	255	QS Hldgs	283	...	5.1	2.2	–
19	11	Ramers Group	17½	...	2.4	17.1	...
35	20½	Ratoo Grp•	29½	...	...	...	...
162	137	Sherwood Gp	154 †	-3	2.6	2.1	...
106	93	Sears	102½	+1½	...	4.3	28.2
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	428	+5	13.4	3.9	13.1
14½	4½	Specialeyes•	6½	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	198	-1	5.0	3.2	...
191	158	T & S Stores	167	...	5.9	4.5	–
107	71	Tie Rack	107	+1	0.5	0.6	...
213	160	Time Products	194	...	7.5	4.8	19.0
100	63	Usher (Frank)•	95	-3	...	6.6	7.5
45	27	Vivat	36 †	...	1.0	3.5	–
40	35	Wensum•	39	...	...	...	6.9
104	78	Wickes	97	...	...	...	43.0
80	45	Wld of Leather•	60	...	...	...	–
185	146	Wyevale•	185	...	...	2.7	...
3½	2½	Xtra-vision•	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	163	-2	4.5	3.5	16.0
238	223	Arai•	238	...	...	3.1	19.0
162½	38	Acorn Compa	106	...	...	...	53.7
480	385	Admiral	440 †	-2	5.4	1.5	18.6
131	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
43	19½	Alphameric	38	+3	...	...	...
39½	22	Amstrad	32	-½	0.4	...	...
128	101	App Holo•	101	...	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	13	...	...	...	...
53½	35½	Astec	51	...	...	...	–
290	250	Beales Hunter	267	...	9.2	4.3	14.1
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	356	-2	19.2	7.0	23.2
595	455	Blick	469 †	+1	9.2	2.5	18.3
1650	1150	Borland•	1300	...	...	...	...
302	224	Bowthorpe	295 †	...	6.3	2.7	–
445½	376	BT	428	...	14.4	4.2	15.9
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.6	...
151	110	Burnfield	139	-1	5.7	5.2	22.0
750	680	Cable Wireless	720	+4	13.2	2.3	22.2
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro•	290	...	...	2.4	16.5
98	74	Comptr People	95	...	0.6	0.9	...
151	108½	Cray Elect	132	-1	...	0.5	10.8
226	203	Critchley	316	-4	...	2.4	22.4
465	414	Delta	457 †	+3	14.0	3.6	–
298	205	Denmans Ele•	290	...	...	2.6	–
620	480	Domino	575	-5	7.2	1.7	17.9
65	48	Dowding Mills	54	...	2.5	5.8	17.8
995	865	Drake•	995	...	...	1.2	24.2
411	358	Electrocomponts	394	-1	7.0	2.2	21.3
573	470	El Data Prc	555	-5	8.1	1.1	15.2
75	43	Electron House	70	...	2.3	4.2	21.5
30	10½	Emess	18½	...	0.1	0.7	–
563	443	Eurotherm	558	...	8.0	1.8	25.4
128	108	FKI	117	-1	2.3	2.5	22.7
391	340	Farnell Elect	380	-1	5.8	1.9	20.7
37	33	Feedback•	37	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	15	-½	...	...	...
190	101	First Tech	146	...	...	...	...
203	81	Forward Gp•	185	-13	...	1.7	22.3
21	17	Forward Tech	19½	-½	...	...	...
323	264	GEC	323	+6	9.6	3.7	17.1
182	132	Graseby	163 †	...	10.9	8.4	–
30	39	Hlabrs•	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
466	451	Hoskyns Gp	465	...	2.4	0.6	59.9
120	83	INSTEM•	103	...	...	3.8	–
378	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
8	8	Kenlorg	9	...	0.3	5.2	3.4
321	260	Kenwood App	308	-4	...	...	16.3
149	67	Kewill Sys•	150	+2	...	...	6.5

Losses trimmed at close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 29. Dealings end April 16. §Contango day April 19. Settlement day April 26. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
203	100	Kode	172 †	...	5.5	4.0	20.4
46	16	Lagerscan•	33	...	...	...	...
365	122	LSMS•	289	-12	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	268	...	9.0	4.3	...
179	146	Life Sciences	146	...	3.5	3.0	15.8
211	164	Logica	208 †	...	3.6	2.2	24.5
54	45	LPA Ind•	46	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	187	MK Data Mngmt	187	...	4.3	2.9	17.8
669	533	Macro 4	660	+4	...	2.4	22.5
604½	527	Memrier-Bw•	575	...	...	3.0	18.9
3013	2083	Micro Focus	2145	+7	...	...	19.6
227	188	Microgen	204	-3	7.2	4.4	13.9
34½	24	Microvitec•	28½	-½	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	493	...	6.1	1.5	22.5
151	98	Mitel	131	-1	...	...	...
138	111	MMT Compu•	112	...	...	3.9	14.2
27	19	Molynx	19	...	...	8.6	1.8
223	202	MTL Instr•	218	...	...	2.1	16.4
165	135	Multitone Elect	136	...	3.0	2.8	16.7
149	116	Murray Elect	145	+1	1.8	1.7	67.3
6412½	5425	NYNEX	6000	+30	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	165	-3	2.6	2.0	21.3
60	42	Newmark (L)	60	...	...	...	...
100	58	Norbain•	100	...	...	1.2	15.0
42	20	Northamber	37	...	0.5	1.7	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
243	195	Oxford Inst	239	...	4.3	2.2	16.1
72	48	P-E Intern'l	58	...	1.0	3.2	...
67	39	P & P	61	-1	1.4	2.0	32.4
80	55	Peek	71	-1	3.4	6.2	17.9
180	115	Pegasus•	180	+9	...	4.5	45.7
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	912½	+12½	...	...	...
452	343	Piko	435	...	7.7	2.2	36.8
432	303	-do- 'A' Voting	413	...	7.7	2.4	36.0
96	78	Plasmec	78	...	...	6.2	–
104	76	Pressac	88 †	-2	2.4	3.4	17.8
125	103	Psion•	113	...	...	2.8	–
11	6½	Ptarmigan	8½	...	...	...	...
211	160	Racal Elect	205	-3	1.5	0.9	24.3
46	45	Radamec	45	...	0.5	1.4	26.4
70	43	Radius•	56	...	...	6.0	19.3
92	61	Real Time•	69	...	...	5.4	6.3
29	18	Rivet	23	...	...	...	...
610	488	Sage Gp	572	-5	9.0	2.0	18.3
66	49	Scantronic	61	+1	2.9	6.1	19.3
142	118	Scholes Grp	118 †	-2	5.0	5.3	23.2
330	270	Sema Gp	290	...	2.8	1.2	23.4
39	26	Silvermines	36	-1	...	8.0	...
45	37	Soundtracks•	44	...	...	6.3	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2437½	+209½	...	1.2	24.4
7½	4½	TDS Circuits•	7½	...	...	...	...
141	80	Telemetrix	129 †	+3	0.6	0.6	45.0
899	809	THORN EMI	835	-9	30.1	4.4	22.0
111	96	Thorpe FW	108 †	...	2.5	2.9	11.1
103	75	Total Systems•	85	...	2.2	3.3	15.2
429	372	Tunstall	410	...	6.0	1.8	18.4
240	184	Unitech	218	-1	5.8	3.4	38.1
11½	6	Verity•	7½	...	...	...	...
37½	24	Vistec•	27	-½	...	1.4	23.0
434	370	Vodafone	386	+1	...	1.9	18.9
441	374	Volex	415	-3	...	5.1	21.1
22	11	Western Selectn	20	...	...	...	...
245	223	Wholesale Ftgs	225	+1	11.7	6.5	21.4

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
480	389	East Midlands	479	+2	17.1	4.5	9.2
493	399	Eastern Elect	492	+3	16.7	4.2	12.2
356	304	Hydro-Elect	353	-1	10.1	3.6	12.4
500	404	London Elect	497	...	16.8	4.2	9.6
547	458	Manweb	545	...	18.2	4.2	7.9
514	424½	Midlands Elec	501 †	+1	17.2	4.3	10.5
549	440	Northern Elec	545	-3	18.5	4.3	8.1
544	439	Norweb	533	+1	17.7	4.2	10.0
337	285	Scottish Power	329½	-3½	10.1	3.8	12.2
528	436	Seeboard	527	+4	17.2	4.1	9.5
565	469	Sth Wales	565	+7	18.4	4.3	9.0
525	426	Sth Western	525	+4	17.4	4.1	9.4
493	406	Southern Elec	491	+1	16.6	4.2	9.7
548	455	Yorkshire Elec	548	+1	17.7	4.1	10.2
354½	273	National Powr	350 †	+2	9.1	3.2	11.6
352	273	PowerGen	352 †	+2	...	3.7	11.0

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	53	Aitken Hume	54	-1	0.5	...	34.5
75	47	BWD•	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
72	26	Baltic Plc	72	+4	1.0	1.7	–
453	428	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1425	-25	27.0	2.4	12.0
258	243	Candover	243 †	...	10.2	5.3	–
91	71	Elswick•	85	+7	...	...	8.4
280	158	Gowett	280	+14	...	6.4	7.4
143	125	Ivory Sime	140	...	...	5.6	14.7
6½	3½	LIT	3½	+½	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
185	154	Lon Forfaitng•	184	...	8.4	5.9	13.0
57	47	Mamakin	55	...	...	...	...
10½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	-½	...	...	...
47	40	Newmarket	44	...	...	...	...
270	246	Rathbone Bns	270 †	...	6.0	2.8	–
22	17	Rutland Tst	20½	...	0.8	4.9	–
330	280	S & U	299	...	...	3.4	10.8
67	48	Singer & Fried	63	...	2.6	5.3	–
938	788	Sotheby's	888	...	...	4.6	...
99	83	SIP Capital	92	...	3.0	4.1	16.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1873 †	+25	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	213½	-2½	6.7	3.9	29.3
978	835	Henderson Ad	920	...	41.0	5.6	20.3
120	92	Invesco MIM	104	...	3.0	3.7	–
218	164	Jardine Strat	179	...	...	4.4	8.1
194	154	MAI	178 †	+2	6.0	4.2	12.9
469	389	MAM	444	-1	11.5	3.2	17.7
795	683	M & G	772	...	20.0	3.2	20.5
201	115	Smith New Ct	201	+7	4.5	2.8	8.0
97	97	Sterling Tst•	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
78	55	Trio Hldgs	70	+1	...	5.4	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	490	+5	14.0	3.6	11.2
77½	53	ASDA Group	66½	...	...	3.0	21.4
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	185	...	6.5	4.4	10.2
76	55	Albert Fisher	71	...	3.7	6.6	11.8
407	322	Argyll	326	-7	9.7	3.7	12.8
25	12	Ashley Group	17½	-½	0.7	...	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	147	...	8.0	7.1	–
210	160	Banks (S C)	210 †	-6	4.2	4.9	10.5
350	310	Barr (AG)	350	+7	6.5	2.3	17.7
94	66	Bensons Crsps•	66 †	...	...	5.8	–
135	112½	Beresford Intl	125	...	...	...	...
455	377	Booker	381	-6	...	7.4	13.0
50	35	Borthwick	44	...	1.1	3.1	30.7
488	430	Brake Bros	484 †	...	...	1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	38	-1	...	...	12.9
511	444	Cadbury-Schw	474	-10	...	3.3	17.6
89	78	Carrs Milling	83	...	3.9	5.9	16.6
256	137	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	...	11.5	5.8	–
301	178	Cranswick•	199	-1	...	4.7	14.7
20	8½	Cullens	15	-½	0.5	4.2	8.0
384	168	Dalepak	218	+3	6.0	3.4	9.8
491	441	Dalgety	441	-4	19.5	5.6	12.6
50	27	Daniels S	50	...	0.2	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	133 †	...	...	3.3	18.4
295	289	Farepak•	292	...	...	2.1	20.7
10	3	Farrington	8½	...	...	...	...
92	78	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
98	78	Fyffes	93	...	...	1.7	15.4
483	370	Geest	448	-3	8.1	2.3	–
12	7	Global•	10	...	...	6.4	–
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
195	147	Hazlewood Fds	188	+1	8.1	4.1	11.4
171	131	Hillsdown	140	-3	...	7.7	11.2
44	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
750	616	Iceland Frozen	688	-8	...	1.8	16.5
131	117	JLI Group	115	-1	4.5	4.9	16.6
853	731	Kwik Save	742	-10	16.0	2.7	15.5
262	235	Low (Wm)	235	-6	8.4	4.5	11.4
58	41	Matthews (B)	50 †	...	2.2	5.6	32.7
16	12½	Merchant Retail	13½	...	1.1	10.0	32.3
174	151	Morrison (W)	152 †	-3	...	0.7	19.7
538	443	Nichols (JN)	493 †	...	13.6	3.4	14.3
290	255	Nthn Foods	262½	+½	...	3.8	14.5
22	14	Nutrahorn Foo•	18	...	...	...	7.5
229	172	Nurdin Peack	218	+9	6.1	3.6	–
241	205	Park Foods	216	...	3.2	1.9	25.8
115	83	Perkins Food	101 †	-1	4.4	5.4	–
96½	47	PizzaExpress	65	-2	...	1.0	37.4
3½	1½	Regina Hlth•	2½	...	...	...	...
504	458	Sainsbury J	464	-8	8.7	2.4	17.3
68	33	Sentry Farm•	60 †	...	...	2.1	14.0
325	182	Sims Food	182	-2	11.2	7.7	9.8
439	391	Tate & Lyle	421	-1	12.0	3.6	15.5
273	225½	Tesco	239	-3	7.1	4.0	–
241	180	Thorntons	180	...	3.6	2.5	16.8
166	101	Treats•	166	+1	...	2.7	14.9
375	300	Unigate	363	-4	15.3	5.3	12.9
414	340½	Utd Biscuits	383 †	-6	...	5.0	19.8
25	21½	Usborne	23	...	0.4	2.2	14.1
337	248	Watson & Phil	302	-18	13.3	5.5	15.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Hs	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	86	+1	1.5	2.3	–
209	170	Forte	181	+3½	9.9	6.8	...
199	155	Friendly Hotels	155	...	5.5	4.4	12.4
9	6½	Harmony Leis•	6½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	110	...	...	5.3	13.0
215	166	Ladbroke	169 †	...	...	8.2	22.3
73	60	Mandarin Ortl	65	-1	...	5.4	–
99	44	Queens Moat	47	...	2.8	7.6	6.5
99	83	-do- 7¼% cnpr	85 †	...	7.5	11.0	...
7½	4	Regal Hotels•	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	30	...	3.4	12.0	7.1
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	738	-2	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	48	...	...	1.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	183	AAF Inds	208	+2	...	5.1	12.1
616	518	AAH	519	...	16.3	3.9	16.5
172	143	ABM	147	...	6.5	5.5	9.1
132	100	APV	107 †	...	5.4	6.3	–
182	81	ASW	160	-3	6.0	4.7	...
155	124	Adwest	144	...	7.0	6.2	20.2
16	10	Aerospace Eng	13½	...	1.0	...	8.2
468	424	Airsprung	454	...	7.5	2.2	12.0
133	113	Alexdra W	117	-3	3.6	3.8	63.3
13½	8	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
527	415	Alumasc	527	...	11.0	2.6	16.1
35	17	Alvis	29	...	1.0	4.3	6.0
450	380	Amber Ind	390	...	19.0	5.4	10.5
38	18	Amberley Gp•	31	...	4.0	...	...
145	135	Andrew Sykes	142	-1	4.4	3.9	...
893	703	Antofagasta	820	...	...	2.3	–
50½	37	Armour	43	...	1.4	4.3	12.6
170	143	Ash & Lacy	162 †	...	6.4	4.9	–
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.9	...
556	445	Avon Rubber	529	-5	16.5	3.9	20.6
235	166	Avonc Nursg•	230	...	...	...	8.4
720	570	Atlas Equip•	720	+5	...	3.9	–
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	45	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	147	-2	...	6.4	–
36	28	BLP Group•	36	...	...	...	...
77	17	BM Gp	18	-2	5.0	...	0.7
770	701	BOC	708	-7	23.2	4.1	15.4
79½	65	BSG	65 †	...	6.2	...	...
472	355	BSS Group	398	-4	...	5.4	15.9
619	530	BTR	603	-10	...	3.8	19.7
221	193	BWI	193	-1	6.7	4.4	18.3
41½	31	Babcock	37	-1½	3.1	...	7.7
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	+½	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	254 †	...	8.9	4.4	–
3062½	581½	Barlow Rand	609½	...	...	6.3	3.1
7	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.8	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	60 †	...	1.4	3.0	–
15	5	Beauford	6	...	1.8	...	...
6½	6½	Beckenham•	8½	+½	...	7.4	...
34	15	Bedford (W)•	29	...	...	...	...
27½	27½	Benton Group	27½	...	0.1	0.6	18.9
707	608	Bespak	696	-5	9.0	1.6	21.7
133	113	Bibby (J)	113	-2	9.7	11.5	6.2
230	128	Billam (J)	210 †	...	5.0	3.0	–
39½	21½	Bilston Bhrnes•	29 †	-1	...	...	...
11½	7½	Birmc Ind	8½	-½	0.6	...	...
159	126	Birkby	145	...	...	0.9	...
43	32	Black Arrow	33	...	2.1	8.0	7.9
1½	½	Black & Edgtn•	1½	+½	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	169	-3	2.9	2.2	17.4
196	129	Bluebird Toys•	193 †	...	...	2.9	–
559	494	Bodycote	559	+3	9.2	2.1	19.7
563	461	Boots	466 †	-6	...	3.6	17.5
61	45	Booth Inds	48	...	3.2	8.3	5.0
517	435½	Bowater	483 †	+1	11.5	3.0	19.1
1682	1535	Bowater Inc	1486 †	+36	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl•	232	-4	...	2.0	–
17	12½	Brasway	16	+1½	0.5	4.5	20.7
268	204	Brammer	263	+2	13.0	6.4	–
16½	12	Bridgend Gp	13½	...	1.2	...	6.1
100	64	Bridon	87	...	4.0	5.9	–
66	53	Bridport-Gndry	62	-½	4.1	8.5	11.4
40	32	Brierley Inv	32	-½	...	9.9	7.9
308	283	Br Bldg & Eng	283 †	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock•	54	-1	...	...	...
490	417	Br Polythene	490	+5	...	2.6	–
91	54	Br Steel	78	-2	...	1.6	74.3
120	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
14½	11½	Br Thornton	13	...	...	2.4	...
268	225	Br Vita	225 †	-1	7.1	4.0	13.8
13	6½	Britton Grp	11	...	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	679	-1	...	2.9	29.8
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	97	...	4.0	5.2	13.4
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	7	...	...	...	...
68	51	Brown & Tawse	66	-2	4.7	...	...
118	92	Bullough	92	...	6.0	8.2	15.8
26	16	Business Tech•	17	+1	...	...	20.5
28	17	CI Group	26	...	2.0	9.9	10.6
25	15	Campbll & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
14½	8	Cannon St	10½	...	3.3	...	...
240	205	Cape	234	-1	10.5	5.6	14.9
214	178	Carclo Eng	211 †	...	...	4.0	17.7
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2450	-13	...	2.7	–
78	68	Cassidy Bros•	70	...	...	4.3	7.8
167	158	Castings	165	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chambrln Hill	145	...	6.0	5.2	8.7
707	609	Charter Cons	641	-4	21.5	4.2	15.4
270	220	Chemring	252	...	...	4.0	15.2
92	71	Chieftain Gp•	71 †	...	5.1	9.0	15.2
30	17	Chillington	19	+1	0.5	3.3	...
187	144	Christies Int	170	-2	1.5	1.1	–
61	34	Clayhithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
90	80	Clayton Son	83	...	3.0	4.5	...
7	7	Co Designers•	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	-25	10.0	...	...
223	181	Community H	181 †	-3	6.5	4.5	11.3
246	186½	Concentric	240	...	...	2.9	19.2
176	120	Cook (Wm)	146	-1	10.0	...	9.8
209½	182	Cookson	206 †	+1	...	3.6	...
45	38	Copymore•	45	...	...	7.5	8.8
238	178	Crnwell Pkr 'A'	179	...	5.7	4.0	15.3
178	147	Cosalt	158	...	10.7	8.5	24.0
224	185	Creighton Nt•	185	...	...	4.7	13.4
40	27	CrestaCare	37 †	-1	0.5	1.7	–
3459½	2897½	Dana	3050 †	+31½	...	...	...
685	314	Danka Bs Sys	615	...	3.7	0.8	18.9
16	5	Davies (DY)•	16	...	...	...	...
707	642	De La Rue	684	-1	15.0	2.7	21.0
25	16	Dinkie Heel	22	...	0.9	5.5	–
481	391	Diploma	474	-2	9.7	2.6	24.7
65	50	Dobson Park	56	...	5.7	12.8	10.1
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	9.8	9.2
18	9	EPG•	17	...	...	...	...
430	379	EIS	410	...	11.7	3.6	15.3
15½	9½	EIT Gp•	9½	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	28	...	...	...	...
43	23	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	2050	...	...	2.7	–
66	45	Elliott (B)	60	...	...	...	...
484	433	Eng China Cl	446 †	+3	20.0	5.6	–
2400	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2300	...	...	1.3	–
76	27	Erskine Hse	71	+1	6.6	26.8	3.2
44	32	Eurocopy	42	...	1.6	4.8	16.3
73	47	Expamet	51 †	+1	3.2	8.0	–
635	499	Fairey Group	623	...	10.2	2.1	–
95	53	Fenner	65	...	4.2	8.1	12.5
61	35	Ferraris Group•	54	...	...	2.3	13.3
1½	½	Ferrometal•	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
35	30	Fife Indmar	30	-1	0.5	2.1	...
251	167	Fisons	168	-1	...	6.7	17.4
43	29	Fitzwilton	43	...	...	11.8	...
290	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	40	Folkes Group nv	41½	...	2.3	7.2	8.4
74	56	French (Thomas)	66	...	3.6	6.9	33.1
210	166½	Frost Group	189	-14	4.0	2.7	–
85	77	GEI Int	83	+1	7.3	11.0	17.1
489	445	GKN	449	-7	...	5.7	20.0
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.6	...
87	82	Garton Eng	82	...	4.0	6.5	...
160	111	Gestetner	117	-2	8.2	8.8	5.1
36	23	Glaves	25	+1	...	...	18.1
801	554	Glaxo	594	+8	17.0	3.6	16.1
26	16	Glenchewton	25	...	...	...	...
285	245	Glynwed	282	...	11.6	5.3	–
93	66	Goode Durrant	86	...	5.4	7.8	18.2
124	102	Grampian Hd	117 †	...	5.5	5.9	–
405	340	Granada	399	-3	7.7	2.4	21.2
336	301	Great Shrm•	336	+2	...	4.1	–
84	78	Green (Ernest)	80 †	...	...	10.9	11.0
10	8½	Greenacre•	10	...	...	3.1	10.7
17	8	Guardian Grp•	12	...	...	...	...
42½	30½	Haden MacLn	39	...	2.0	6.6	–
83	44	Hadleigh Inds•	64	-2	...	...	...
188	115	Hall Eng	174 †	...	8.6	6.2	14.5
258	215	Halma	253	-3	2.2	1.1	31.3
49	30	Hampson Ind	32	-1	2.3	...	8.7
265½	230	Hanson	231½	+½	...	6.2	11.8
240	208	Harris (Philip)	230	-1	6.8	3.8	16.0
186	147	Hardon Castd	166	+1	...	7.0	21.9
60	38	Havelock Euro	60	...	1.5	...	...
4	1½	Hawthorn Lse•	1½	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	31	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	24	...	0.7	3.6	12.7
350	301	Hepworth	339 †	-1	14.8	5.5	–
235	160	Hewitt (J)	224 †	-1	3.0	1.7	17.5
38	15	High-Point	31	...	1.3	...	...
127	112½	Hill & Smith	126	...	...	5.6	17.5
10	7	Hobson•	8	...	...	...	...
104	87	Holders Tech•	101 †	...	7.4	...	–
40	30	Hopkinsons	34	-2	3.7	...	9.9
167	138	Hornby•	153 †	...	...	7.4	–
19½	6	Hospital Crp	6	...	...	16.7	3.6
67	54½	Howden	65 †	...	...	4.1	10.0
238	178	Hunting	230	-8	...	3.6	–
1013	888	Huntleigh Tec•	913	-12	...	0.6	33.7
285	247	IMI	274 †	+1	10.0	4.6	–
108	90	ISA Intl	98	...	1.5	1.9	...
205	179	Intercare Gp•	180	...	...	1.8	19.0
255	235	Isotron	247	-3	3.9	2.0	15.8
492	360	Jardine Math	386	+6	...	3.3	...
537	438	Johnson Math	448	+2	9.6	2.7	18.6
64	52	Johnston & FB	53½	...	3.0	7.0	16.5
136	104	Johnston	105	...	3.2	3.9	–
32	19	Jones Shipman	27	...	...	...	...
22	18	Jourdan (T)	22	+4	0.7	3.6	...
46	26	Kalamazoo	41	...	...	...	33.8
157	73	Kalon	154	-1	3.2	2.6	–
307	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	518	-1	27.0	6.5	26.9
118	75	Kleeneze	112	-5	...	...	...
118	61	LCW•	118 †	...	3.0	3.2	9.8
303	266	Laird	279 †	+1	10.5	4.7	–
136	105	Lee (Arthur)	134	...	5.9	5.5	56.9
136	110	Lilleshall	121	...	4.2	4.4	14.9
153	97	Lincat•	153 †	...	...	4.2	13.2
18	4½	Lincoln Hse•	16½	...	...	...	13.6
128	76	Linread	112	...	3.7	4.3	–
195	170	Linton Park	185	...	13.0	8.8	32.4
14½	10½	Lionheart	10½	...	0.2	2.4	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	50.4
274	191	Lon Intl	192	-2	9.4	6.2	13.1
93	70	Lonrho	83	-1	...	6.0	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	338 †	-2	...	3.4	–
343	283	MB-Caradon	306	-4	8.6	3.6	–
169½	140½	-do- pf	155½	-2	7.2	5.8	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	19½	...	1.8	...	22.2
35	27	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.2	47.5
50	39	MY Holdings	41	...	...	3.1	12.4
283	236	Macfarlane	262	-6	4.7	2.3	–
430	370	McKechnie	425	-1	14.7	4.3	22.2
106	88	McLeod Russel	102	...	6.0	7.4	12.4
10½	7½	Maddox	8	...	...	...	...
74	65	Magnolia	74	...	5.4	...	51.8
106	71	Mang Bronze	95 †	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	22	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn•	138	-1	...	4.0	12.9
59	30½	McFlower	59	-1	...	3.4	–
236	191½	Meters	234 †	-4	...	1.3	17.4
102	88	Meggitt	101	+2	3.6	4.5	15.1
130	113	Metalr	113 †	...	4.0	4.4	–
78	70	Metsec•	70	...	...	...	...
66	29	Midmans	60	...	...	1.6	–
19	14	Mining & Ald	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
488	366	Molins	477 †	+2	14.0	3.7	–
345	277½	Morgan Cble	277½	-9½	12.6	5.8	–
145	134	Morris Ashby•	135	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	20	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nesco-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.7	–
147	122	Nobo Gp	144	...	3.5	3.0	17.6
161	127½	Norcros	161	+1	7.0	5.4	27.6
43	35	Nova Group	40	...	...	0.9	...
328	310	Nu-Swift	311	...	...	8.0	8.6
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	24½	...	1.7	8.9	...
140	133	PCT•	133	...	...	6.6	12.1
48	46	Pacer Systems•	47	...	...	8.1	...
138	117	Pentland	118 †	-1	...	2.6	–
380	310	Photo-Me	344	-1	4.4	1.6	17.5
125	97½	Pilkington	116	...	6.0	6.3	43.2
32	19	Platon•	27	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	69	...	3.0	5.6	–
148	126	Polypipe	143 †	...	1.9	1.7	20.7
517	485	Portals	490	-4	14.5	3.8	–
32	19	Porter Chadbrn	21	...	2.5	14.9	5.2
7½	5½	Porth Gp•	7	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	357	-3	6.0	2.1	20.2
20	17½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.8
54	33½	RPS Group•	52 †	-1	...	5.3	11.5
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
148	77	Ramco Oil•	111	-2	...	2.3	79.2
744	636	Rank Org	669	+3	31.0	5.8	18.3
33	23	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
657	593	Reckitt Colm	606 †	-17	...	3.3	24.3
77	50	Record	76	...	3.6	6.1	36.2
4	2½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	11.4
169	131	Relyon	149 †	...	4.9	4.1	–
303	275	Renishaw	290	...	6.5	2.9	21.4
60	55	Renold	57½	...	1.0	2.2	...
1438	1295	Reuters	1330	-15	21.2	2.0	22.0
30	24½	Rexmore	27½	...	1.7	8.0	6.8
120	91	Ricardo Group	110 †	-3	5.7	6.5	30.9
61	58	Richard (Leics)	61	...	4.4	9.0	6.1
78	63	Richardson West	70 †	-1	3.0	5.4	–
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	8.7
122	97	-do- 'A'	114	...	8.2	9.0	8.2
38	28	Ross Gp	34	...	0.4	1.7	18.7
448	395	Rotork	445	...	...	...	...
135	100	Rubicon	126	...	...	1.5	...
65	49	Russell (A)	49	...	2.1	5.5	25.9
26	15	SKF Indl	25	...	0.6	3.3	–
800	635	SKF 'B'	650	...	...	5.9	...
291	222	Sanderson Elec	272	-3	9.0	4.1	11.6
52	39	Savage•	49	-1	...	0.6	64.5
45	40	Saville Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	223	Scapa	229	...	5.3	2.9	19.4
238	195	Scholl	195	...	6.3	4.1	–
6½	4	Scot Heritable	4½	...	...	...	...
990	930	Securicor	933	-13	2.6	0.4	35.6
668	590	-do- 'A'	590	-4	2.6	0.6	–
565	489	Security Serv	489	-5	5.0	1.3	24.2
94	77	Senior Eng	90½	...	3.1	4.4	–
361	306	Seton Health	320	-1	...	2.0	20.5
50	42	Sheldon Jones•	48	...	...	...	...
97	68	Shiloh	94	...	2.7	3.7	25.5
361	302	Sidlaw	302	...	10.0	4.1	14.0
501	427	Siebe	444	...	...	2.6	18.7
305	220	Silentnight	293	...	8.0	3.4	16.3
121	102	Sime Darby	112 †	+2	...	4.0	13.8
142	92	Simon Eng	107	...	5.0	5.8	–
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	255	...	7.0	3.4	16.4
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	150	Smith & Neph	159½	-2	...	3.8	20.3
513	389	Smithkline	414	-2	...	2.6	16.3
490	340	Smithkline Uts	362	...	...	3.7	14.2
394	320	Smiths Ind	326	-1	11.2	4.3	13.3
140	79	Stim Bus	82	...	3.3	5.2	7.8
376	265	Spandex•	375	...	...	2.2	...
475	300	Spear (JW)	475	...	14.0	3.8	–
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	346	-1	9.3	3.4	–
145	55	Spring Ram	59	-1½	0.3	0.7	...
270	231	Staveley	237	...	8.2	4.3	13.5
147	126	Sterling Ind	142	...	5.6	4.9	17.8
20	11	Stonehill	18	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	140 †	+5	8.8	7.9	–
315	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	287	+1	...	3.1	–
8	5½	Sycamore	6½	...	...	...	...
260	240	Sytone	259	...	9.4	4.6	11.9
198	164	T A N	185	+1	10.8	7.6	–
333	279	TI	302	+4	...	4.4	18.6
18	12	TLS Range•	12	...	...	2.7	...
273	218	TT Group	260 †	...	6.0	2.9	–
249	220	Takare	237 †	-1	1.8	0.9	–
815	618	Takeda Chem	807	+33	...	0.6	21.4
32	24	Tex Hldgs	31	...	...	...	...
79	70	Tinsley (E)•	70	...	...	9.3	8.2
205	150	Titon•	204	...	...	2.2	17.7
271	239	Tomkins	241	-1	...	3.3	16.9
94½	67	Trafalgar H	78	...	...	5.2	5.7
95½	65½	-do- 'A'	76½	...	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	545	+1	16.0	3.7	–
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	179	...	7.0	4.9	16.4
253	232	UniChem	234	...	5.6	3.1	–
310	280	Unidare	305	...	...	7.0	68.2
29	11½	Unigroup	28	...	...	...	...
1249	1050	Unilever	1130 †	-14	21.3	2.4	–
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7487½	-162½	...	2.8	12.1
648	513	VSEL	625	...	25.0	5.0	7.2
9½	6½	Verson	7½	...	...	...	...
157	95½	Vickers	125 †	+2	...	1.5	...
367	307	Victaulic	307 †	-1	7.8	3.2	–
364	283	Vinten	351	...	7.0	2.5	–
526	427	Vosper Thorny	524	...	13.1	3.1	12.7
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43 †	...	2.9	8.4	–
468	410	Wagon Ind	419	-2	...	5.1	16.2
78	71	Walker Greenbk	74	...	3.1	5.2	17.6
283	201	Wassall	239 †	+1	2.5	1.3	24.1
33	22	Watford Wdgwd	32	+1	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	598 †	-4	11.8	2.5	–
993	658	Wellcome	698 †	-25	13.0	2.3	19.3
23½	22½	Wellman	23	...	3.2	...	8.6
495	460	Whatman	493	...	9.5	2.4	–
339	267	Whessoe	320	...	...	3.1	12.4
10½	4	Wheway	10	...	1.0	12.5	...
50	27	Whitecroft	46	-2	4.0	...	4.1
9½	4½	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
76	44	Wilkes (James)	66	-4	3.5	6.7	–
365	322	Williams Hldg	325	-3	12.5	4.9	16.6
26	17	Wilshaw	26½	...	0.4	1.9	21.7
630	533	Wolseley	583 †	+1	12.5	2.7	20.2
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125 †	...	1.5	1.5	–
45	35	Wyko	36	...	2.8	...	20.6
58	38	Young (H)	54	...	3.0	6.9	19.6

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1999½	1612½	Alex & Alex	1612½	-25	...	4.3	...
2275	1793½	Am Gen	1993½	-12½	...	3.8	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	35	...	4.4	15.7	17.0
148	133	Bradstock	139	-1	5.1	4.6	17.1
1475	1078	Britannic	1428	...	33.5	3.0	–
641	561	Com Union	607	-5	...	5.0	...
1450	1225	Dom & Gen	1440 †	...	...	1.6	23.8
22	19	FAI	19	...	...	...	...
612	551	Gen Accident	589	-6	26.7	5.8	...
195	160	GRE	179	-2	7.0	4.9	...
370	334	Heath C E	349	-1	16.0	5.7	20.5
190	168	Hogg Gp	189	+1	8.1	5.5	–
198	164	JIB Group	195 †	+1	7.5	4.8	19.7
493	408½	Legal & Gen	485 †	+6	...	5.2	63.9
1026	781	Liberty Life	862	-15	...	3.4	–
465	409	Lloyds Abbey	414	+5	17.3	5.2	14.9
305	253	Lloyd Thomp	274	...	5.6	2.6	20.0
368	274	London & Man	338	...	14.2	5.4	–
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	343	+1	12.6	4.6	13.6
6743½	5756½	Marsh McLn	6125 †	+12½	...	3.0	...
97	77	Oriel	78	...	...	7.9	5.8
68	50½	PWS	59	...	4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	329 †	+1	...	4.5	21.9
1138	800	Refuge	1055	+2	31.5	3.7	29.2
321	258	Royal	309	...	5.0	2.0	...
183	156	Sedgwick	158	...	6.0	4.7	19.0
261	216	Steel Burrill	230 †	-5	13.2	7.2	–
82	59	Sturge Hldgs	61	...	8.2	16.9	6.2
362	307	Sun Alliance	354	-12	14.2	5.0	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	56	...	...	...	...
285	239	Transatlantic	285	+1	12.0	5.3	–
773	690	Utd Friendly	690	+7	14.5	2.7	–
208	171	Willis Corroon	190	-1	...	4.3	–
20	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1617 †	-11	45.0	3.5	–
260	226½	Amer Trust	240 †	...	4.9	2.6	49.8
343	304	Ang & O'seas	332	-1	6.8	2.6	42.2
139½	124½	BZW Conv	127 †	-1	7.8	7.7	14.9
158	133½	Bankers	149	-1	3.4	2.9	40.7
298	264	Bardng Tribne	277	...	6.4	2.9	43.4
148	131	Berry Starq	142	...	2.0	1.8	48.0
105½	96½	Br Assets	100	...	...	5.4	24.5
65	57½	Br Empire Sec	64	-½	0.8	1.7	65.0
17	14	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
175	156	Br Inv	166	...	4.5	3.4	41.7
164	130	Contl Asset	154	...	2.4	1.9	51.2
195	145	Derby Inc	145	...	16.6	14.3	8.7
235	185	-do- Cap	210	+2	...	...	...
119	90	Drayton Asia	109½	+½	0.7	0.8	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	67	...	8.4	16.4	7.2
57	35	-do- Eng Intl	55	...	1.2	2.7	...
108	84	-do- Far East	105½	...	0.6	0.7	...
101	95	-do- Korea	99	...	0.5	0.7	–
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	603	...	25.4	5.3	22.7
582	513	-do- Wwde	561	-2	9.5	2.1	57.8
270	232	Dundee & Lon	254	-2	12.0	5.9	23.4
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	47 †	...	4.8	13.0	8.5
51	37½	-do- Dlr Pf	52	-½	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	261	...	8.0	3.9	31.9
155	141	Electric Gen	152	...	3.1	2.5	48.4
97	85	English Scot	93	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	240 †	+1	...	3.1	29.5
90	77	Finsbury 'A'	90	...	3.0	4.2	29.0
290	248	Fleming Amer	268	...	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	203	...	...	3.3	39.8
266	212	Do Contl	242½	-½	2.8	1.4	...
171	147	-do- Entp	169	...	4.5	3.3	37.9
256	213	-do- F East	250	...	1.5	0.8	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	299½	-½	3.0	1.3	...
116	109½	-do- Hi Inc	109	...	5.8	6.7	18.5
206	136	-do- Japan	204	+2	0.3	0.2	...
271	230	-do- Merc	252	...	6.7	3.3	–
251	212	-do- Overs	237	-1	4.0	2.1	56.6
229	203	Foreign & Col	221	-½	3.3	1.9	60.2
210	164	-do- Eurotst	193 †	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	97	...	0.4	0.5	...
253	191	-do- Pacific	252	+1	1.7	0.9	...
137½	116	-do- Smaller	134	-½	...	1.7	64.1
213	145	GT Japan	208	+2	...	0.7	...
110	65	Genl Cons Cap	101	-1	...	...	...
129½	96½	-do- Inc	106	...	...	10.0	10.9
145	123	Govett Am Smlr	126	-1	...	...	...
239	184	-do- Oriental	229	...	0.9	0.5	...
246	207	-do- Strategy	237	-2	6.7	3.6	32.7
373	340	Greenfriar	372	...	6.3	2.1	55.9
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	47½	...	0.5	1.3	75.3
134	125	Inv Cap	130	...	5.1	4.9	26.1
92	77	IRS Uk Smlr	85½	...	2.0	2.9	21.1
183	150½	Kleinwort Char	171	...	5.0	3.7	33.3
203	176	-do- O'seas	195	+1	3.3	2.1	55.4
126	108	-do- Smlr	112 †	-1	4.0	4.5	–
595	540	Law Debenture	574 †	...	18.2	4.0	28.7
171	164	Majedie	170	-1	...	3.5	32.9
249	221	Merchants	237 †	...	10.6	5.6	–
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4450½	-106½	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	397	-2½	6.7	2.1	53.4
123	105	Morg Grnf Inc	123	...	...	4.7	24.2
36	23	Do Warrants	36	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44 †	...	0.1	0.5	–
11	4½	Do Wts	9½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Incme	302½	...	...	4.4	28.8
319	265	-do- Intl	289	-1	11.4	4.9	26.1
312	263	-do- Small	298	-2	4.0	1.7	64.2
103	98	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	13.4	9.6
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	89	-1	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	143	-do- S/C DP	143½	...	...	...	...
260	230	-do- Vent	243 †	...	10.3	5.3	19.3
71	59½	New Frontier	67	...	0.2	0.5	...
85	68	Nthrng Inc	78 †	...	6.7	10.8	10.9
285	240	O'seas Inv Tst	282	+1	2.8	1.2	...
302	285	Pacific Assets	326	...	1.1	0.4	...
264	187	Do Warrants	228	...	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8200	...	...	2.4	49.0
119	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	116	...	1.1	1.2	52.5
123	108	River & Merc	114	...	9.2	10.1	11.4
398	350	Robeco	388	...	...	3.5	...
388	346	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	237	-1	7.5	4.0	–
148½	131	Scot American	139	+½	4.3	3.9	29.4
945	681	Scott Asian	900	...	...	...	...
315	225	do Warrants	315	...	...	...	...
73	65½	-do- Eastern	69½	-½	1.5	2.7	–
201	183	Scottish	192	-1	4.6	3.0	39.8
201	178	-do- Mtge	184	-½	3.9	2.6	43.3
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.8	56.6
1503	1360	Second Allnce	1435	-8	36.5	3.2	38.6
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	80	...	3.2	5.1	26.7
130	109½	Selective Asset	122	-2	1.3	1.2	43.9
21½	14	Sphere Inv	20	...	3.1	19.4	–
139	112	TR Far East	129	-1	4.5	4.4	28.0
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	134	-½	4.7	4.5	27.9
141	110	TR Pacific	124½	-½	0.3	0.4	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	...	1.4	...	60.3
69	47	TR Tech Inv	53	-1	1.7	4.1	26.3
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	162	...	3.7	2.9	47.4
315	283	Temple Bar	304	...	13.2	5.4	22.9
90	69	Thrgtn Asian E	83	...	0.5	0.8	...
66	54	Throgmorton	59½	-1	2.3	5.1	23.1
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	380	...	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	187	...	4.5	3.0	34.4
90½	76½	Value Inc Tst	89½	...	...	5.0	23.6
598	542	Whitbread Inv	557	-1	15.0	3.4	37.0
195	181	Witan	187	-1	5.6	3.7	32.7

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	3½	Airbreak Leis	3½	...	...	...	0.7
345	269	Airtours	272	-5	7.2	3.3	9.6
60	42	Ald Leis	44	...	4.7	...	12.5
222	194	Anglia TV	255 †	-3	9.2	4.5	–
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	209	-3	10.0	6.3	–
1195	930	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	20.0	2.1	18.8
104	90	Border TV•	91	+1	...	3.7	11.9
19½	4½	Brent Walker	11	-½	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	3	+½	...	...	...
282	215	Campari	215	...	...	6.4	5.6
197	171	Capital Radio	193 †	...	5.2	3.4	22.5
816	718	Carlton Comm	738	-3	17.0	2.9	21.8
230	158	Castle Comms•	198	...	...	5.5	17.3
1825	1615	Central TV	1770	...	38.0	2.7	–
83	70	Chrysalis	70	...	...	...	...
610	517	Compass Gp	572	-1	12.3	2.7	16.3
350	218	Eurocamp	221	-4	9.7	5.5	9.1
1180	710	Euro Disney	1093	-2	...	1.1	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5	...	...	...	9.7
23	18	Ex-Lands	18	...	...	...	...
317	245	Fairline Boats	295	-1	10.5	4.4	...
378	320	First Leisure	362	-1	6.1	2.1	25.1
515	298	GWR Gp•	515	+2	...	1.7	26.5
181	149	Grampian	172	...	5.5	4.0	12.1
6	5	Greenwich Comm•	5	...	...	...	...
39	19	HTV Group	38	+1	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	35	-2	5.5	...	2.2
11	5½	Kunick	9½	-½	...	...	...
384	262	LWT CP	375	-3	4.9	1.6	–
417	327	Man Utd	417	+5	18.0	5.5	14.1
148	96½	Owners Abrd	114	-3	3.5	3.8	9.1
66	33	The Pelican Gp	58 †	+8	...	2.2	20.0
130	55	Prism Leisure•	118	...	...	2.9	13.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	286	Radio Clyde•	286	...	...	3.6	23.2
162	132	Ramsdens (H)	153	...	...	3.7	20.3
502	431	Scot TV	453	...	9.9	2.8	–
60	42	Southern Radio	42	...	0.7	2.4	17.5
209	168	Stanley Leisure	193	...	...	2.7	16.3
6	5½	Sunleigh•	5½	...	...	...	...
145	138	Sunset & Vine	140 †	...	3.5	3.1	16.3
29	29	TSW	29 #	...	...	21.3	3.7
420	383	Tanjong	420	...	...	0.6	–
221	150	Thames TV	180	...	7.5	5.2	5.1
2½	1	Ticketing•	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	94	...	...	...	3.0
78	44	Trans World•	69	...	...	1.4	25.2
344	274	Ulster TV	342	...	10.0	3.7	–
22	17	Wembley	18	...	1.8	...	...
31	7½	Whitegate	24	...	...	...	...
175	110	Yorkshire TV	153	...	12.0	9.8	4.6
106	83	Zetters Gp	106	...	8.0	9.4	10.7

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3287½	1800	Am Gold	3200	-84½	...	6.9	14.6
1325	1015½	Ang Am Coal	1225	...	...	8.3	5.2
1712½	1125	Ang Am	1700	-9½	...	4.5	10.6
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res•	14½	...	...	...	...
91	33	Blyvoors	85	-6	...	8.0	4.2
25½	18	Bracken	22	-3	...	...	1.2
535	233	Buffels	520	-9	...	8.4	11.6
2	1½	Bume	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	609	-6	...	3.7	–
19	11	Cluff Res	12½	-½	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	1112½	-12½	...	4.8	–
66	37½	Deelkraal	65	-3	...	10.3	3.2
30	7	Doornfontein	27	-3	...	...	...
600	388	Driefontein	582	-17	...	6.3	9.6
289	120	Durban	289	...	...	...	...
94	47	E Rand Gold	90	-4	...	12.6	2.7
126	62	E Daggs	126	...	...	...	9.5
206	54	E Rand Prop	206	...	...	...	...
281	117	Elandsrand	265	-16	...	5.1	5.6
574	292	FS Cons	554	-20	...	9.6	5.6
25	8	FS Dev	16	-9	...	...	...
1238	725	GFSA	1200	-38	...	3.7	17.1
164	125	Gencor	153	...	...	6.5	11.9
47½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	46½	...	...	3.2	10.7
16½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	12½	...	...	...	...
118	49	Grootvlei	111	-7	...	10.3	5.9
245	78	Harmony	238	-6	...	...	...
208	87	Hartles	192	-16	...	...	6.7
14	8½	Inoco•	10½	...	...	...	...
783	491	Impala Plat	770	-3	...	...	15.7
9½	6	Kenmare Res•	9½	+½	...	...	...
685	332	Kinross	685	...	...	4.1	6.8
541	319	Kloof	535	-6	...	3.7	8.2
71	25	Leslie	71	...	...	6.4	6.5
43	13	Loraine	48	...	...	...	...
116½	96½	MIM	101½	-2	...	2.4	43.3
955	830	Minorco	930	+3	...	4.0	11.0
120	91	Nth Brkn Hill	115	-2	...	4.6	–
1400	610	Orange Free	1350	-46½	...	10.3	10.8
709	634	RTZ	655	-12	19.5	4.0	28.6
550	425	Rand Mines	525	...	...	12.3	2.2
133	85	Rand Min Prp	133	...	...	14.0	5.8
333	150	Randfontein	332	-8	...	5.9	4.4
163	115	Renison	155	-5	...	3.1	14.1
1075	887½	Rustnbrg	900	...	...	5.6	12.6
388	191	St Helena	380	-8	...	7.0	7.1
1050	475	Southvaal	1000	-46½	...	6.4	15.5
59	18	Stilfontein	59	...	...	12.2	9.0
140	58	Unisel	140	+5	...	2.4	12.6
3400	1800	Vaal Reefs	3350	-50	...	7.3	5.2
363	154	Welkom	347	-16	...	10.3	9.7
79	26	Western Areas	73	-6	...	...	...
1425	587½	Western Deep	1387½	-37½	...	5.0	5.7
247	176	Wstrn Mining	235 †	...	...	...	...
660	320	Winkels	660	+8	...	1.7	4.9
84	36	Zambia Copper	69	+1	...	...	...
34	18	Zandpan	33	-1	...	...	9.4

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	125	...	0.1	0.1	18.8
116	82	Appleyard	114 †	...	5.2	5.7	–
270	203	Bletchley Mtr	270	+5	8.8	4.1	–
145	120	Bostrum	145	...	6.0	5.3	–
294	165	Br Aerospace	270	...	7.0	3.2	...
328	303	Caffyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	8	...	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr•	128	-2	...	3.9	32.5
28	18	Cook (DC)•	18	-1	...	...	79.8
226	136	Cowie (T)	212	+1	6.2	3.7	16.1
110	86	Dag Motors	110	+2	5.7	6.8	–
140	106	Davnport Vern	140	...	4.0	3.6	17.3
264	135	ERF	205	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	95	...	...	2.0	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	281 †	-2	11.2	5.0	–
290	226	FR Group	270	...	6.6	3.1	12.9
3581½	2842½	Ford Motor	3543½	+106½	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2525	+37½	...	2.0	...
46	38	Gowrings	45	...	2.0	5.6	...
123	85	Henlys	110 †	...	3.0	3.4	...
862	650	Honda Motor	856	+16	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
83	66	Jessups	82	...	4.5	6.9	...
136	97	Kwik-Fit	114 †	+2	3.3	3.7	–
341	281	Lex Service	338 †	-3	10.6	3.9	–
117	85	Lookers	107	...	6.2	7.2	...
152	127½	Lucas	128	-1	7.0	6.9	...
234½	224½	Pendragon	258	...	...	3.3	20.8
161	106	Perry Gp	155	...	6.0	4.9	–
153	108	Quicks Group	149 †	...	4.5	3.8	–
139	99	Rolls-Royce	122½	-½	5.0	5.1	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	132 †	...	4.0	3.8	20.4
170	121	Westland	166	+3	4.2	3.2	14.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.0	19.4
608	488	Blenheim Gp	547	-2	...	2.1	–
308	275	Bristol	303	...	11.5	4.7	22.5
9150	7775	Daily Mail	9150	+50	13.0	1.8	20.6
9125	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9100	+25	13.0	1.8	20.5
305	262	Dorling Kind	269	-1	...	1.4	25.6
365	328	EMAP	355	+3	...	2.6	23.1
980	873	Euromoney Pb	940	...	26.5	3.0	21.3
237	170	Harrington K	224	...	4.5	2.5	18.1
398	233	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
280	226	Headline	280 †	...	4.5	2.0	–
140	105	Home Counts	139	...	6.0	5.5	–
5	3	Intl Bus Comm	4½	...	...	...	...
8	6½	Int Cm & Data•	7½	...	...	...	...
470	400	Independent	470	+10	...	4.6	–
530	395	Johnston Press	529 †	...	6.2	1.5	22.0
298	243	Metal Bulletn	276	...	8.0	3.6	19.5
117	88	Mirror Gp	117	+1	...	...	–
373	287	News Corp	349 †	+5	...	0.3	22.0
223	169	News Intl	223 †	+12	...	0.5	15.4
422	354	Pearson	412 †	-1	...	3.6	19.3
655	510	Portsmth Sund	650	...	8.6	1.7	16.7
682	618	Reed Intl	676 †	+2	...	3.1	29.5
146	98	Southnews	146	...	...	1.3	43.0
130	99	Sterling Pubs	116	...	...	2.7	38.3
364	328	Telegraph	342 †	+1	11.0	4.0	–
825	715	Thomson Corp	785	...	25.4	4.1	–
347	313	Trinity Intl	339 †	...	8.7	3.2	–
39	34	Unit Group•	34	...	...	...	...
595	494	Utd Nwspaprs	549 †	+6	...	4.9	13.7

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Ptra•	15½	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Atlan Energy	24	...	...	...	–
52	40	Arcon Intl	47	...	...	...	...
54½	41½	Aust Oil & Gas	53½	...	...	...	...
63	26	Aviva Pet	45	+5	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	9½	...	0.6	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	157 †	-1	7.1	5.7	–
326	276	British Gas	340½	+3	...	5.9	13.5
312½	225	Br Petroleum	306	-½	10.5	4.3	48.2
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	736	+4	...	4.4	17.5
51	32	Cairn Energy	45	...	...	...	...
268	223	Calor Gp	260	...	12.0	5.9	–
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	47½	-½	...	...	...
35	27	Copley Res	30	+2	...	...	...
13½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas•	13½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	450 †	-5	...	4.1	37.5
88	55	Exp Co Louis	75	...	...	...	...
26½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24½	+½	...	2.3	–
67	45	Goal Pet	56 †	...	1.4	3.1	–
31	18	Gt Western Res	25	...	...	...	...
152	108	Hardy O & G	134	...	1.0	0.9	42.1
32½	19½	Kelt Energy	29½	-1½	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	154	-4	3.3	2.7	–
103	63	-do- Units	80 †	...	0.4	14.8	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res•	22	...	...	...	...
46½	34	Monument	44½	-½	...	...	...
9½	6½	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	32 †	...	1.0	3.9	11.1
34	27	Oil Search	34	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Pentex	13½	...	...	...	...
110	99	Pict Pet	103	...	...	...	14.3
30½	19	Premier	27	...	...	...	9.5
80	50	Presidio	80	+5	...	7.9	...
368	300	Ranger	310	...	...	5.6	...
6000	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	5925	-25	...	5.5	–
4237½	3600	Schlumberger	4112½	+62½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	65	+1	...	...	...
605	515	Shell	586	-½	21.9	4.7	–
203	191	Sunrise Eng Sv	191	-6	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo•	6½	-½	...	...	–
41	25	Triton Europe	25	...	...	...	5.7
8½	6½	Villiers Grp	8½	...	...	...	...
168	147½	Woodside	155	-2	...	2.5	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	249	API	291	+6	7.5	3.2	25.3
190	144	Arjo Wiggins	182 †	-1	...	4.5	18.0
493	408	Abbott Mead	490 †	...	9.3	2.4	–
1½	½	Acsis Group	1	...	...	...	...
23	13	Aegis Gp	18	...	1.3	9.5	...
212	155	Aspen Comms•	190	...	...	3.3	–
10½	7	BBB Designs•	10	...	...	...	...
348	257	Bemrose	348	...	...	4.6	–
33	16	Birkdale	24	...	0.2	1.0	20.3
138	118	Bunzl	131 †	-1	4.0	3.8	–
287	259	CIA Gp	267 †	-1	...	2.0	–
247	116	Capital Inds	244 †	...	4.0	2.0	–
51	44	City of Lon•	48	+1	...	8.8	10.0
214	169	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
6	6	Crown Comm•	6 #	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckging	66	...	1.4	2.7	13.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.4	–
53	42	Dudley Jenkins•	52	...	...	...	13.4
14½	12½	Elswick	13½	-½	0.2	...	11.4
58	41	Fairway Group•	58	...	...	6.8	17.1
296	271	Ferguson Intl	293	...	12.5	5.3	16.9
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	–
106	74	Filofax•	90	...	...	0.6	22.5
20	14	Finch	14	...	...	...	1.6
71	69	Gibbon Lyons•	70	...	...	8.9	13.7
295	247	Gold Greenlees	277½	-½	...	3.7	22.5
41	20	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
84	43	Hunterprint	69	...	...	...	...
143	136	Intereurope	140	+4	7.4	6.7	9.2
220	191	Jarvis Porter	219	...	4.4	2.5	23.9
28	15½	Lopex	21	...	...	...	10.6
271	175	More O'Ferrall	250 †	-4	13.2	6.6	–
78	48	NMC Group	71	...	1.2	...	14.0
103	66	Osborne & Little	102	...	4.3	5.3	13.1
202	167	Quarto	201	...	5.2	4.3	10.6
348	319	St Ives Gp	346	...	5.2	1.9	23.6
198	152	Saatchi	175	-6	...	...	...
472	348	Sappi	356	-1	...	11.0	6.6
19½	11½	Serif•	15½	...	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	21	-1½	...	...	...
334	294	Smith David	327	...	9.5	3.6	14.5
295	252	Smurfit (Jeff)	253	...	...	0.6	8.7
240	183	Sun-Plus	240	...	8.0	4.2	–
23	16½	Taylor Nelson	21½	...	0.3	1.8	–
53	38	VTR•	50	...	...	8.5	14.2
55	40	WPP	61	...	...	2.0	...
104	62	Wace	103	-1	2.2	2.7	–
221	203	Waddington (J)	216	+1	7.9	4.6	16.3
651	540	Watmough	650 †	+1	11.5	2.2	–
6½	4½	Westport•	6½	...	...	...	22.4
19	12	Whitney Mcks•	19	...	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	65	...	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	64	-1	3.5	7.0	54.3
61	58	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
67	54	Asda	67	+1	2.0	3.7	23.9
121	88	Avonside	115 †	...	4.0	4.3	–
2637½	2062½	BCE•	2300	+25	...	...	...
525	396	Bilton	520	...	18.0	4.3	18.8
26	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.0	...
176	150	Bradford	173	-1	4.4	3.2	15.7
23	12	Brdsero	15	...	...	...	1.4
277	176	Br Land	260	+2	6.3	3.1	24.0
198	153	Brixton	188	...	8.1	5.4	14.3
57	45	Burford	52 †	-1	1.1	2.8	–
142	99	Cap & Regnl•	141	...	...	0.9	...
150	120	Cardiff Prop	125	...	2.4	2.4	...
260	196	Chesterfield	260	...	18.5	...	18.3
30	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nicholls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
14	10	Clayform	11½	+1	...	...	...
1038	818	Daejan	1025	...	25.0	3.0	16.0
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
88	53	Debenham Twsn	73	-3	2.5	4.3	26.5
12	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
90	76	Dencora	89	...	5.5	7.7	...
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	408	...	8.6	2.7	–
225	170	Estates Agency	200	-15	3.0	1.9	18.3
22	7½	Estates Gen	11	...	...	...	...
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	138	...	4.1	3.8	13.2
22	11	Five Oaks	21	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	385 †	...	15.0	4.9	21.8
152	97	Grainger	139	...	5.2	4.7	31.1
170	120	Gt Portland	160	...	10.0	7.8	15.9
19	7½	Greycoat	16½	-1½	5.2	...	...
128	101	HK Land	106	-6	...	6.4	–
64	35	Hambro Cntyw	64	+2	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	373	-8	10.0	3.4	10.5
392	245	-do- 'A'	338	-6	10.0	3.7	16.2
168	127	Helical Bar	168 †	+3	...	3.6	...
26	19	Hemingway	26	...	...	...	...
132	78	Hering Baker	78	...	7.0	11.2	...
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	2.5	1.4	...
535	435	Land Sec	535	+2	21.7	5.1	16.2
90	73	Lon Merch Sec	89	...	3.8	5.3	14.2
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
418	334	MEPC	385	+1	20.0	6.5	16.1
6½	5	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
110	90	McKay Secs	106	...	6.7	...	17.4
7½	3	Markheath	5½	-½	0.5	...	...
31	12	Merivale Mre	31	+3	1.0	4.0	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
35	31	Moorfield Est	32	...	...	...	...
880	775	Mountview	800	-5	18.0	2.8	8.2
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	135	...	5.9	5.6	18.6
40	30	Olive Hldgs	30	...	9.0	...	4.6
10½	5½	Ossory Est	8	-½	0.1	2.3	2.3
201	138	Peel	193	...	3.0	1.9	...
16	8	Power Corp	12	...	...	...	1.3
122	88	Prop Security	109	...	3.7	4.3	21.7
39	26	Property Trust	29	...	...	...	...
	½	Raglan		...	...	...	...
16½	11	Regalian	15½	-½	1.5	12.3	3.0
7½	7½	Rosehaugh	7½ #	...	...	...	...
135	115	Rowlinson Secs	115 †	...	1.3	1.5	24.5
32	16	St Modwen Prp	31	...	0.6	2.4	23.6
52	39	Savills	48	...	...	...	...
52	34	Scot Met	52	...	1.3	3.6	...
69	39	Shaftesbury	69	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
37	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	0.5	1.8	...
207	146	Slough Estates	189	+2	...	5.6	–
74	56	Southend Prop	70	...	4.1	7.5	35.3
16	8	Speyhawk	8	-4	...	...	...
28	16	Stanhope Prps•	26	...	...	...	...
100	79	Town Centre	86 †	-1	3.1	4.0	17.9
65	43	Trafford Park	64 †	...	2.5	5.0	17.3
38	8	UK Land	22	-1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	7	...	...	...	...
217	180	Warner	216	...	18.5	6.7	14.1
190	168	Warnford	191	...	7.2	4.7	13.3
8	5½	Waterglade	6½	...	...	...	...
49	35	Wates	44	...	0.7	2.2	...
50	40	Wood John D•	50	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
17	11	Automagic•	17	...	...	...	...
111	91	Headlam	111	+2	...	3.0	–
500	330	Lambert	390 †	-20	13.0	4.2	–
100	80	Pittard Garnar	83 †	...	2.0	3.0	–
27	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.0	5.8
150	99	Stylo	129	+4	3.0	3.0	–

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	473	-3	12.6	3.3	15.2
69	60	Beckman (A)	62	...	4.7	9.6	12.3
22	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155 †	+1	8.5	6.9	–
153	89	Celestion	150	-1½	1.4	1.2	...
20	15	Chartwell•	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Gn	319 †	...	7.2	2.8	–
601	551	Courtauld Text	569	-4	13.6	3.0	15.6
53½	24½	Cupid•	31	-2	...	14.5	3.6
249½	221	Dawson	232	-1	9.0	4.8	22.6
30	22	Drummond	23	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	27	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel•	66	...	...	9.3	6.5
34	15	Foster (John)	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
85	83	Gaskell	83	...	4.2	7.1	–
186	156	Hicking Pntst	166	+1	3.4	2.6	14.1
51	45	Jerome (S)	49	...	1.0	...	...
328	249	Lamont	308	...	12.0	5.0	–
425	353½	Leeds	420	+2	...	2.2	20.3
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	103	Lyles (S)	103	...	4.9	5.9	11.7
100	69	Parkland 'A'	96	...	2.0	2.6	...
95½	82	Readicut	91	...	3.4	4.7	18.1
53	35	SEET	42	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	86 †	...	3.1	7.5	15.1
58	44	Stirling Gp	56	-1	1.6	3.7	23.3
51	43	Stoddard	44	...	2.6	7.5	11.7
310	280	Tomkinsons	306	...	11.5	4.7	26.3
62½	32½	West Trust	45	-7	...	...	...
356	252	Yorklyde	355	...	9.7	3.5	16.6

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	855	BAT	874 †	-6	...	5.3	18.9
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	615	-27	10.2	2.1	14.1

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	383	-2	8.5	2.8	...
813	758	BAA	779	+9	14.5	2.3	13.7
311	260	Br Airways	272½	+3½	...	4.9	7.3
91	58	Clarkson (H)	58	-2	1.5	3.3	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	352	Eurotunnel Uts	462	-1	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49 †	...	1.0	2.6	–
138	126	Graig	130	...	4.5	4.4	...
166	147	IoM Steam	156 †	...	...	0.4	8.2
32	24	Jacobs (JI)	27 †	...	0.5	2.3	...
69	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	69	...	1.2	2.3	4.2
2225	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2212½	...	4.5	0.3	12.1
349	280	Mersey Docks	327 †	-5	7.5	2.9	–
210	181	Ntnl Express	187	...	...	4.8	–
284	245	NFC	249	...	6.5	3.3	18.8
302	246	Ocean Group	275	-4	14.3	6.7	–
53	40	Ocean Wilson	49	...	...	0.8	10.9
627	504	P & O Dfd	558 †	-1	...	6.8	17.9
137	127	P & O 5 1/2%	133	...	...	5.2	...
534	448	Powell Duffryn	525	-3	22.6	5.4	21.0
138	117	Seacon•	130	...	...	4.9	8.2
41	26	TIP Europe	40½	...	1.4	4.4	9.7
43	31½	TNT	39½	+2	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britten	675	-8	11.8	2.1	–
382	325	Tiphook	335	...	17.3	6.5	6.7
298	259	TDG	266	-3	9.5	4.5	–

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
552	460	Anglian Water	552	+2	19.3	4.4	10.0
692	547	Northumbrian	692	+2	20.5	3.9	6.7
532	449	North West	532	+4	19.6	4.6	9.3
532	439	Severn Trent	532	+5	19.3	4.5	7.8
554	454	Sthrn Water	553	+5	19.5	4.4	9.8
1525	1225	Sth Staffs	1325	...	40.2	3.8	8.6
569	467	South West	569	+3	21.7	4.8	8.6
563	458	Thames Water	563	-3	19.2	4.3	10.7
612	506	Welsh Water	608	-1	21.4	4.4	7.0
649	536	Wessex Water	647	...	...	3.8	8.7
593	506	Yorkshire W	589	-1	19.5	4.1	9.6

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ACCOUNTANCY

Detecting fraud can be costly

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT

AUDITORS should not have a duty imposed on them to detect company fraud, because the duty would be unreasonably expensive to discharge, the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (ACCA) argues in its response to the APB's McFarlane report on the future of auditing.

The wider scope of audits envisaged by the APB should result in more frauds being discovered as a by-product of the audit, ACCA argues. Imposing a direct responsibility for detecting fraud would, however, force auditors to approach their work with different priorities and raise costs.

ACCA says: "Clients do not at present appear to be willing to bear the increased costs which could result from an extension of auditors' responsibilities in the fraud detection area, despite the increased comfort which might be expected as a result". ACCA also insists that changes should apply to all companies, not just big ones.

New guidelines vital for pension trustees

BY DAVID BISHOP

THE Inland Revenue, through its pension schemes office, regulates pension schemes, focusing on compliance with tax regulations. The Occupational Pensions Board has the limited role of overseeing contracting-out arrangements and preservation requirements.

Despite this, the standards of stewardship of funds' assets is not effectively regulated. Although the level of external interference in the affairs of individual schemes should be kept to a minimum, some additional regulation is desirable. Measures on the roles and responsibilities of the trustees of pension funds would be the most helpful product of the Goode committee, set up by the government to review pension fund law in the wake of Robert Maxwell's frauds.

Central to all of them is the setting up of a new authority responsible for ensuring the sound management of pension schemes. It could derive its membership from the existing regulatory bodies but, crucially, would have additional responsibilities.

The new authority would have to approve the standard of training required by trustees, and thereby license trustees as possessing the knowledge necessary to discharge their duties. In short, it would ensure that trustees were both fit and proper.

Trustees are not required to attend a formal training programme and there is no mechanism whereby certain people can be disqualified from being trustees. This surely cannot be right. The proper stewardship of pension funds rests with the trustees. The members of the funds have a right to expect their trustees to know what their responsibilities are, and how to discharge them. If the trustees are not fit to carry out the tasks required of them, the power to remove them should exist. These measures would result in an additional benefit. For the first time, the duties of trustees could be codified, thus bringing to an end the present uncertainties, as to who is responsible for doing what. Moreover, there is no doubt that the accountability of trustees to fund members should be improved.

Therefore, the requirement to produce an annual report for fund members should be fully enforced and properly policed by the new pensions authority, with effective penalties at its disposal. The report should contain information on the calling of a general meeting of all members, with details of the minimum number of signatories needed for one to be held.

However, it is not enough simply to impose more and more demands upon trustees. They must be given greater guidance in the form of new rules to enable them to discharge their duties and responsibilities. For example, all trustees should be given adequate notice of trustees meetings, which should be held at regular intervals, at least half yearly. They should be provided with adequate information on the scheme's transactions and its assets and liabilities and a minimum quorum should be required for all their meetings, which should include some member representation. Such measures might not have prevented Robert Maxwell's fraud, but to attempt that by law would damage present and future pensioners, rather than aid good management.

The author is president of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants



Time for action: David Bishop wants trustees' role spelt out

ACCOUNTANCY LETTER

What defrauded client is going to spend £300,000 to recover £50,000?

From Mr R. Valentine

Sir, As the solicitors who acted for the innocent client, may we be permitted to comment on the most timely letter from the chairman of the institute's insurance requirements committee (Insurers' novel arguments do not constitute precedent, March 25) regarding the implications of the position taken by the Professional Indemnity Insurers in a recent fraud case?

1 Mr Woolf is right in saying that there is no decision of the English courts directly on the arguments raised by insurers. However, there is a recent, persuasive decision of the ultimate Court of Appeal in Australia, which confirmed that in almost identical circumstances, insurers were entitled to succeed on this very point.

2 Until these arguments have been held to be wrong by the English courts (and it may well require the House of Lords to do so) what client or individual innocent partner is going to be able to afford the costs of any such litigation? In the case that has just settled, the insurers (against whom third party proceedings had been commenced by the innocent partners) claimed that their costs were in excess of £100,000 and had the arguments eventually gone in favour of insurers, our client faced total costs of between £200,000 and £300,000 on a claim worth roughly half that amount.

3 Since under the institute's investment business compensation scheme, claimants are required to exhaust their remedies, ie, against the innocent partners as a condition precedent to any claim on the scheme, what defrauded client is going to risk costs of £300,000 in order to recover £50,000 under the scheme?

4 Until this novel point is decided against insurers, in practical terms, every innocent partner and thus the public at large who claim through them, is uninsured for the consequences of theft or other dishonesty except in the most narrow and unlikely circumstances.

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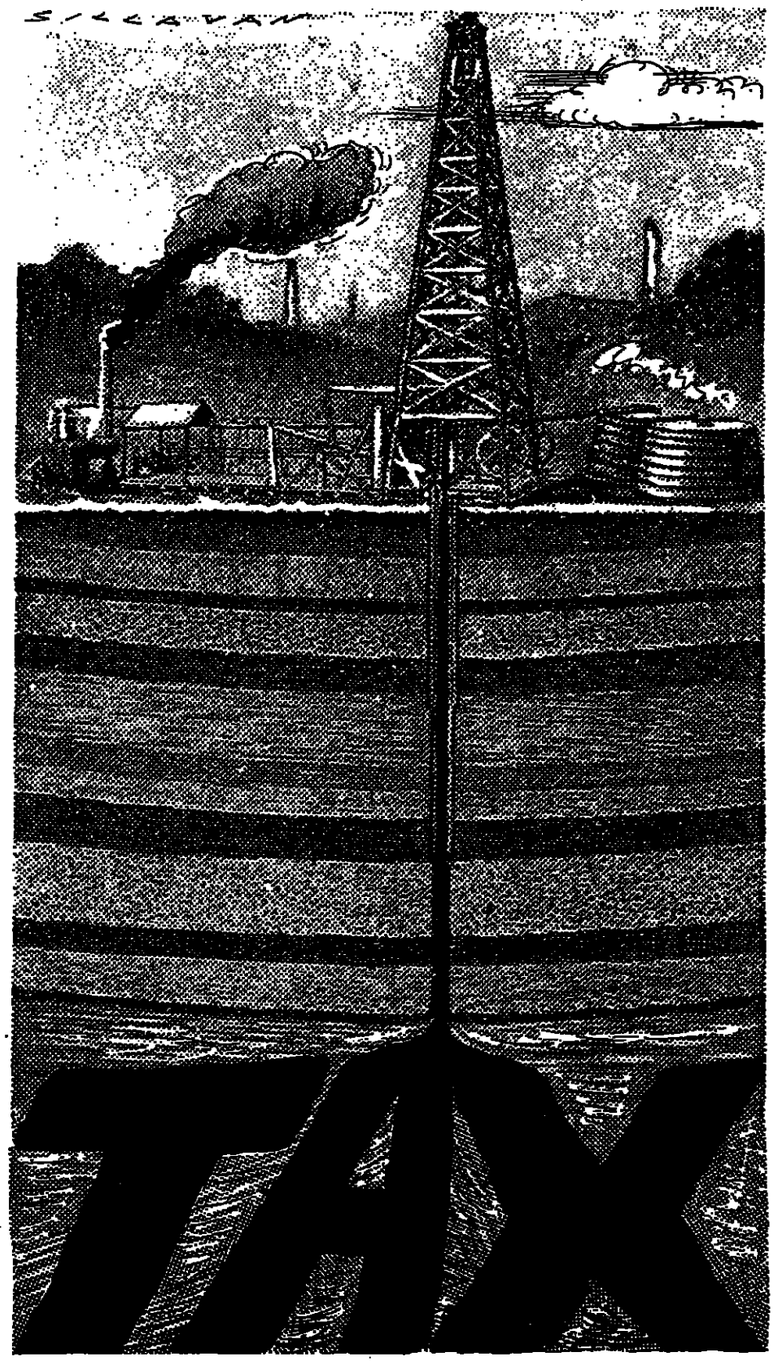
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ACCOUNTANCY

Chancellor puts North Sea's tax-break drillers on the spot

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT



THERE can be few businesses as dominated by finance and tax as the oil and gas business. The romantic world of wildcatters, rigmen and larger than life firefighters is at heart tightly controlled and largely driven by accountants, treasurers and tax specialists.

No wonder the North Sea oil and gas industry is up in arms over the Chancellor's drastic Budget simplification of petroleum revenue tax (PRT). Calculations that lay behind exploration and development plans, farming or participation agreements and asset balancing will be reduced to irrelevance, once transitional provisions are worked through. The main raison d'etre of many small oil companies has been as tax shelters. The market in North Sea producing assets, which thrived on attempts to match interests in wells yielding taxable profits minutely with interests in exploration attracting tax allowances, may virtually disappear.

The hectic spot oil trading market, seen as a tax shelter for production profits, may prove far more fragile and artificial than its promoters assumed. Re-runs of computer programs may quickly bring Scotland's on-shore and off-shore service industry for North Sea development to its knees. To make matters worse for the tax-break drillers, it could all have been a waste of time. Norman Lamont hopes to raise £300 million extra in 1994-5 and £400 million in 1995-6. Wood Mackenzie, the Edinburgh oil share specialist, has run the tax changes through its own computer model and concluded that the changes may bring the Chancellor only £115 million in the three years that started on Tuesday.

That does not necessarily mean the exchequer will be starved. Wood Mackenzie assumes an average oil price of $19 per barrel against the Treasury's $18. On that basis, the Chancellor would have raised much of the increased revenue without changing the tax regime, especially if he had not cut the main PRT rate.

The other variable, more crucial to the real world, is the level of exploration and appraisal work in the North Sea. The faster and further that falls, the more the Chancellor earns in tax over the transitional period when deductions are still allowed from PRT.

Once that phase is over, the government will be hoping for the maximum possible non-deductible spending, since corporation tax and even longer term PRT receipts will suffer if production is not replaced by new fields and extensions.

If North Sea activity is as hard driven by the finance department's computers in the future as it appears to have been in the past, it could quickly dwindle to a trickle. Most firms in the industry suggest this will happen and damn the tax changes. Amerada Hess, the American company involved with many exploration ventures, dubbed Mr Lamont as the "driller killer" of the North Sea. Amerada is one of the biggest losers from the change, on Wood Mackenzie's projections, and most of the companies will see their cash flow suffer. Since the Chancellor was actually paying money out under the old tax regime, it is hardly surprising that its passing will be mourned.

By contrast, British Petroleum could gain more than £100 million a year in cash flow and see the value of its Forties field, in particular, rise strongly. BP has notably dissociated itself from the industry's melodramatic attacks on the Chancellor. So far, Shell, Exxon and British Gas, which might see neutral or mixed effects from the changes, have kept a tellingly low profile in the post-Budget debate. There must surely be some impact. For a company exploiting the maximum tax advantages, the net cost of a pound spent in exploring in the North Sea was only 16.75p.

When the cost can be offset only against corporation tax, this will rise to 66p. The old system, set up ten years ago, dramatically cut the financial risk of exploration and visibly raised activity after a previous decline and when oil prices were not favourable.

Aside from cutting the risk of exploration *per se*, the old tax regime gave companies already producing in the UK North Sea the most powerful incentive to reinvest profits on the UK continental shelf, rather than in Norwegian waters, the Gulf of Mexico or the many new or potentially exciting oil provinces.

As the oil specialists of Kleinwort Benson Research put it: "What has changed is that with the UK continental shelf now on a level par with other areas, companies will naturally become far more selective, when deciding where to apportion their exploration dollars. Essentially, the UKCS has gone from being a low cost/high reward area to a high cost/high reward province."

This is not obviously bad economics. The North Sea's contribution to the balance of payments has been welcome over the past few years and it made sense to encourage development of satellite fields, extensions and small wells feeding into existing pipelines that might otherwise never have been developed.

For all that, tax subsidies of £1.4 billion a year for exploration must distort the proper use of resources, even if PRT itself was a distortion. Twenty thousand miners losing their jobs, mainly to the product of recently developed gas fields, might legitimately feel aggrieved that efforts to put them out of work received a government subsidy worth 83p in the pound.

Exploration in the North Sea will not cease. Apart from commitments already made, Kleinwort Benson Research says that there are few hot exploration zones round the world without extremely high entry costs, and that areas such as Morecambe Bay and the North Sea's Southern gas basin remain attractive without tax subsidies.

Even so, Wood Mackenzie predicts that drilling activity, instead of rising from 110 wells in 1993 to perhaps 150 a year in 1994-5, could easily fall below 100.

Exploration is, however, not the only source of investment and is far from being the only source of income to Britain's oil service business. Nor does the impact of tax changes act in only one direction on investment decisions.

This week, Shell and Esso were given the go-ahead to spend £1.3 billion to extend, by at least ten years, the life of their jointly owned Brent field. The field was once the biggest producer in the North Sea but has been in decline and was due to stop producing in 1998. By allowing more of the reserves in Brent to be extracted, the project will add the equivalent of a small oil discovery and a medium-sized gas field to North Sea production.

This development has been in the planning stage for three years and the decision to go ahead had nothing to do with the Budget changes. Had it been more marginal, the cut in PRT on big mature fields such as Brent might have been crucial and the investment might have been tax-driven since the cut in maximum PRT rates from 75 to 50 per cent greatly adds to its potential returns.

The fear is that the changes to the tax regime are too drastic. On one side, exploration could shrink so far that long-term output will fall away. On the other side, the abolition of PRT on new fields would deprive the public of any rent from the exploitation of any big new discoveries of "national" resources, which would eventually be politically unacceptable. So there is a high risk that the tax regime will change again in a few years' time.

If there is one thing the tax experts, accountants and treasurers of the oil industry hate more than the lack of tax breaks, it is the prospect that all their careful plans will again be ruined by a few casual sentences in a future Chancellor's November Budget speech.

Tightening rules on fees undercutting

IF YOU were to let irony get the better of you, the surest sign that the recession is coming to an end could be that the accountancy profession has almost got its rules in place to deter firms from undercutting on fees. It might just be that the time when the rules are finally made official late this year is also the point when it becomes obvious that the pressure on fees is about to lift anyway.

This would be unfair. The profession's joint ethics committee, CAJEC, has worked hard and has now come up with as tough a series of rules on the undercutting of fees as would seem necessary.

The problem is an old one and comes to the fore whenever the economic situation means that accounting firms have to cut costs rather than increase services as their route to continuing profitability. And it is also a problem of the independence of firms and how effectively that concept is communicated to the outside world.

As the latest CAJEC paper puts it: "Firms which obtain or retain audit work, having quoted levels of fees, which they are aware are significantly lower than those charged by an existing auditor or quoted by other tendering firms, should be aware that their objectivity may appear to be threatened." There are two effective ways of ensuring that this is not a common practice. The third way, waiting for a complaint and then trying to find out what has happened, doesn't work. It is also the current practice. The first method , which is gaining popularity in America, where firms are licensed on a state by state basis, is what is now known as the Texas variant. Direct costs are assessed and laid down by law and the firm cannot go below that figure when pitching for business. There are obvious legalistic difficulties with this, apart from the difficulty of finding yourself arguing for form over substance. It would be easy to envisage a situation where a firm was undercutting and bringing the profession into disrepute but was still managing to juggle the figures so that what it was doing was not unlawful.



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The second method is the one that CAJEC is going for. It puts the onus on the firms themselves. If they are paring costs and methods to the bone, they have also to be aware that if there is a complaint it will be down to them to justify what they have done. This is likely to be a lengthy and painful procedure and not to be recommended.

What the proposed guidance says is that where a firm has won work by undercutting "such firms should ensure that their work complies with auditing standards and guidelines and, in particular, quality control procedures."

The guidance then goes on to say that "in the event of a complaint being made to the institute (which might have arisen as a result of a joint monitoring unit inspection), where fees were a feature in obtaining or retaining the work, firms should be prepared to demonstrate to the investigation committee that the work was done fully in accordance with auditing standards and the client was not misled as to the basis on which fees for the current year and subsequent years were to be determined".

The key points here are the emphasis on quality control procedures and the mention of the joint monitoring unit (JMU). An audit involves a huge number of checks and a vast amount of paperwork, and once it is all boxed up in its files it takes on a quite different character. Or as one senior partner recently put it to me: "With hindsight, and going through the papers with a toothcomb, you will always be able to find some mistake somewhere."

So putting the onus on the firms to prove that they have kept the work up to scratch is important. It means that there is a distinct deterrent value in the rules. The JMU is already feared and loathed by small firms. There is every chance that it could cause enormous problems for the large firms as well. So far, this is an area into which the JMU has not yet ventured too far. It has been building up experience before taking the big boys on. The only inspection it has made has been into Ernst & Young. That came about after much agitation by Austin Mitchell, the ubiquitous opposition MP, over a sequence of department of trade and industry inspectors' reports which were critical of various aspects of past audits by the firm. But even then, the existence of the JMU inspection came to light only via one of Mr Mitchell's many parliamentary questions. And so far the results have not been made public. This week has also seen the publication of academic research that shows just what difficulties firms have got themselves into over rigorous cost control in the audit process.

It has demonstrated just what pressures an audit team finds itself under when trying to get the work done effectively but when the firm itself is telling the team to do the work for less staff time and costs.

What is required is for the JMU to become as much a nuisance and a deterrent for large audit firms as the financial reporting council's review panel has become for listed companies. It will take time. But the new proposed guidelines on undercutting fees makes it fairly inevitable, whether or not the recession lifts.

The author is the Associate Editor of Accountancy Age.

Growing demand for forensic accounting

BY JON ASHWORTH

INSOLVENCY services are traditional money-spinners during a recession. A glance at fee income breakdowns for any of the big UK accountancy firms will bear this out: KPMG Peat Marwick's corporate recovery practice increased fees by 38 per cent to £51 million in the year to March 1992. Coopers & Lybrand's insolvency fee income was £74 million in the year to April 1992, compared with £41 million in 1990.

But a rise in UK litigation is pushing another area of expertise into the headlines: forensic accounting. Increasingly, solicitors are calling on accountants to help assess levels of potential damages arising from claims. More than 90 per cent of cases are settled out of court and the task of finding a financial yardstick on which to base negotiations often rests with the accounting specialist. If a case does make it to court, they are likely to be called as expert witnesses.



Pioneering work: David Lee, PW's head of investigations

Recognising this trend, many accountancy firms have developed forensic accounting teams. Notable players are Touche Ross, Coopers & Lybrand, Price Waterhouse, BDO Binder Hamlyn and Grant Thornton. KPMG Peat Marwick publishes a newsletter on the topic and Pannell Kerr Forster is making inroads.

David Lee, head of investigations at Price Waterhouse, is a pioneer in the field. Mr Lee, who is studying $1 billion in American transactions relating to Maxwell Communication Corporation, said: "The demand for these type of services has grown tremendously in the past five years."

After being appointed PW's designated fraud expert on Europe in 1989, he spent two years on secondment to the Serious Fraud Office. He formed PW's special investigations unit two years ago. Assessing damages is no easy task. One of Mr Lee's cases involved a Boeing 707 that was taken out of service after a consignment of mercury leaked and ate into the airframe. "The aircraft was out of service for months," said Mr Lee, who was called in by the insurers to assess the validity of a claim by the owner.

"We had to assess the profitability of the route and multiply it by the number of days out of service. The owner's claim ran into the millions. We settled out of court for £10,000." Mr Lee believes the drive towards a simplified approach to UK fraud trials is likely to further increase the importance of forensic accountants. "By its nature, City fraud is incredibly complicated," he said. A big case can have thousands of companies involved. The question is: "How to you present a cogent case to the jury?"

The best forensic accountants are certain to be good communicators. They must not only be able to write comprehensive reports, but be able to present them in plain terms to a judge and jury. The more experience they have in the witness box the better.

The threat of a conflict of interest arising may deflect business away from the big six firms. Philip Kabraji, partner in charge of forensic services at Grant Thornton, said conflicts might arise when a firm was auditor to one party and was acting as expert witness to another. Mr Kabraji, who heads a 40-strong UK forensic team, said: "The first thing solicitors ask is whether there is a conflict. We would then do a conflict search. As forensic experts, we are expected to be independent."

Increasingly, forensic accountants are being called in on disputes arising from mergers and acquisitions. Fraud is a second growth area, as are professional negligence, breach of contract and loss of profits. Personal injury and fatal accident cases are growing, if not the most lucrative in terms of fees, and there is a rising trend in consequential loss cases — those arising from fire or water damage.

KPMG Peat Marwick said forensic accounting was not as prone to cyclical upswings as insolvency. David Carter, head of forensic accounting, said: "People forget there is a very long lead time involved. We are still dealing with cases arising out of the 1982 recession. Our oldest case goes back to the mid-1970s."

Institutes taxed by war of words over exams

THE war of words between the Institute of Taxation and the tax faculty of the ICAEW has intensified, to the embarrassment of both organisations, which have many members in common (Graham Searjeant writes).

Relations started deteriorating last summer when the faculty, founded early in 1991, proposed starting entry examinations of its own. That excited the 60-year-old institute's fears that the faculty might be trying to supplant it and its qualification for tax expertise.

At the weekend, Peter Wyman, the faculty's chairman, admitted that relations were strained and appeared to accuse IoT members who are also members of the ICAEW of organising opposition to the exam plans during the faculty's consultation process.

Jennifer Ainsworth, president of the IoT quickly launched her own broadside, denying that the IoT had anything to do with subversion in ICAEW district societies, but charging that the ICAEW proposals would increase costs, cause training difficulties and were "a direct challenge to our institute's own examination and membership base". The faculty has been notably vigorous since its formation in assessing and challenging tax legislation, but the dispute may stem less from its ambitions than from the ICAEW's search for a new long-term identity as its traditional combination of the roles of professional association and regulator disentangles.

The faculty helps the ICAEW give a better service to non-specialist members, especially smaller firms. The IoT is the traditional repository of professional tax authority but membership includes many solicitors who are direct competitors of accountancy firms.

After the ICAEW's disappointments over proposed mergers that could have given the accountancy profession a unified voice, it is anxious to give fuller representation to its own membership base. This might cause rivalry over other specialities that have their own professional bodies.

Insolvency experts, who have suffered a mixed press of late and are separately regulated by the DTI, have their own parallel body, the Society of Practitioners in Insolvency. This also includes solicitors.

The ICAEW is thought to have offered internal auditors faculty status but to have been turned down by leaders of the UK Institute of Internal Auditors, which has developed its own examinations and includes, among others, members of Cipfa and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

The tax fracas could be the harbinger of more friction, especially if big inter-disciplinary firms develop.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bowing out at PW Europe

ANOTHER milestone in the accountancy world is reached with the imminent retirement of Sir Jeffery Bowman, former senior partner of Price Waterhouse in the UK and architect of the firm's European structure. Sir Jeffery, 58, steps down as chairman of PW Europe and joint chairman of the PW world organisation, leaving something of a leadership tussle in his wake. His successor as head of PW Europe will be announced in the summer after an election by European partners. "The process of combining our European firms is complete," says Sir Jeffery, who was senior partner in the UK from 1982-91. "I think it is appropriate at this stage to hand over to a successor who will have a sufficiently long period in office to implement our strategy and see it bear fruit."

Training offer

THE hunt is on to find three senior managers aged over 35 to send on training programmes in Japan later in the year. The European Commission picks up the cost of the training — a perk worth upwards of $70,000 a head in itself — while the employer pays for the airfare and accommodation. "This is an excellent opportunity for people over 35 to get experience in Japan, but many British companies don't take it," says Wendy Bennie of KPMG Management Consulting, which has been given the task of finding suitable candidates. They must have a minimum of ten years' work experience and be involved in developing business with Japanese companies in Japan, Europe or elswhere. Programmes include field trips, basic language training, culture, business strategy and consumer behaviour. Participants will be based in Japan from August-November. Entries must be in by May 7. More details are available from Wendy Bennie. Telephone: 071 236 8000.

Taking over

LONG days and endless shuttling between London and New York have at last yielded some reward for Mark Homan, the affable head of corporate reconstruction and insolvency at Price Waterhouse. Homan is heir-designate to the throne of the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency at present occupied by Nigel Hamilton of Ernst & Young. Homan, who has grown used to working a 14-15 hour day as part of his work on the Maxwell enquiry, much of it in America, takes over for 1993-4. "I made it by the skin of my teeth," says Homan, who was due to be voted in on Friday — the day of the rail-strike. "We needed seven for a quorum and only had six when the meeting was due to start. Two came in right on the bell."

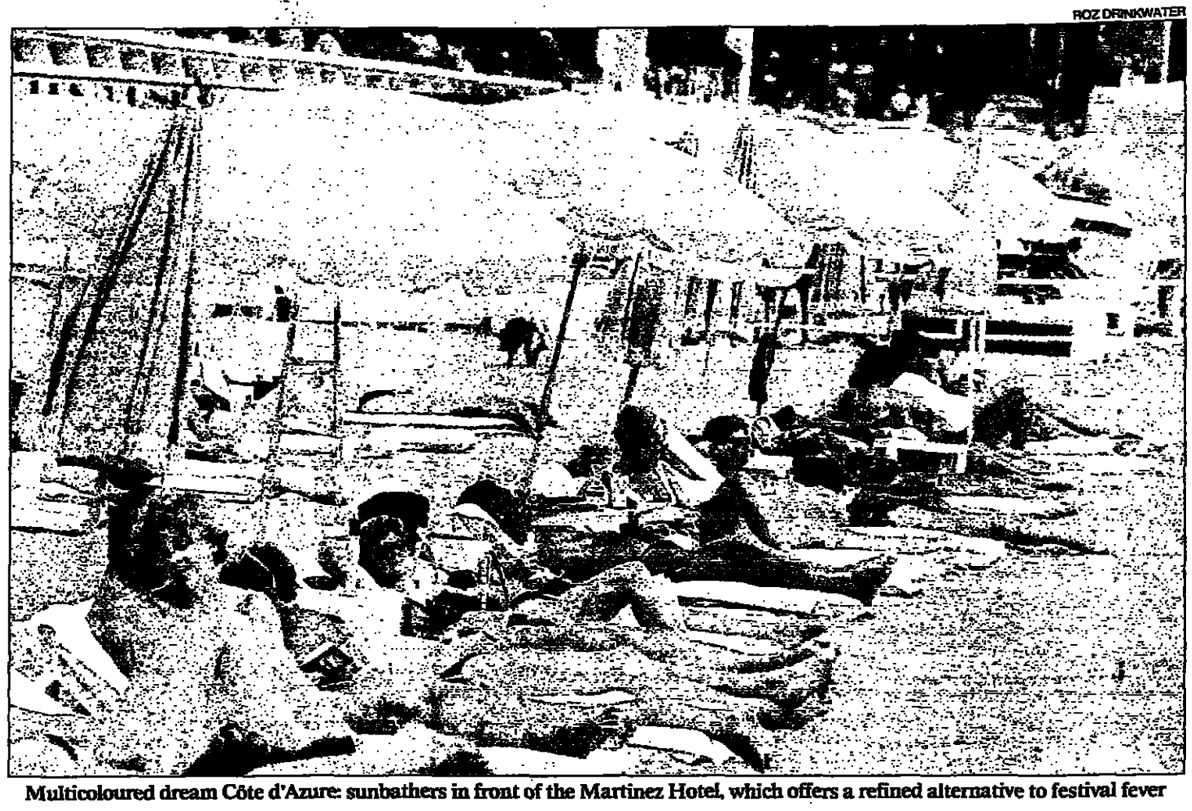
CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Beresford, head of management buyouts at KPMG Peat Marwick. He spent Sunday afternoon telephoning journalists about the firm's latest MBO figures — from Geneva airport from whence he was about to fly home after a skiing holiday.

JON ASHWORTH

TRAVEL NEWS

Cannes grimaces and bares it

The Riviera would like it to be known that next month's film festival is not all it has to offer. Harvey Elliott reports on the age-old charms of the Côte d'Azure


ROZ DRINKWATER

Multicoloured dream Côte d'Azure: sunbathers in front of the Martinez Hotel, which offers a refined alternative to festival fever

Cannes is bracing itself for two weeks of money-making mayhem when the film world descends on the town and threatens to tarnish its image for the rest of the year.

As hotels, restaurants and businesses prepare to take full, but short-term, advantage of the anticipated rush of visitors, many are looking beyond the two weeks in May when Cannes loses its genteel image and becomes a raucous centre for tasteless vulgarity.

"We know that we will get bad publicity for two weeks next month but we have to remember that the real life of Cannes takes place in the remaining 50 weeks of the year," a resident says.

Now hoteliers and civic officials are determined to woo well-off British travellers, who were largely responsible for creating what we now know as the French Riviera more than 100 years ago, with a series of events designed to re-create the leisurely weekends of the 1930s.

> Discerning British travellers are returning to the Riviera

The indications are that discerning British travellers are returning to the Riviera, and helping to swell its £3 billion tourist economy, generated during the weeks when the film festival is not in full, hard-sell swing.

Last year about 450,000 Britons made the journey south, and now make up 12 per cent of travellers flying into Nice airport, according to the Riviera-Côte d'Azure regional tourism committee.

They also spend twice as much as French visitors, preferring, as they did in the 1920s and 1930s, to stay in top-class hotels for long weekends. The Germans, 400,000 of whom visit the area each year, tend to stay much longer and spend less, while the 350,000 Americans are the biggest spenders of all, averaging £125 per person per day.

The tourist authority and the top hotels along the coast have recognised that towns such as Nice and Cannes continue to hold the same attraction for the older visitor that they always have, and are now marketing the cultural, artistic and traditional attractions of the region. These have tended to be swamped by the glossy, garish image created by the influx of younger visitors and film stars who flock to the film festival.

Indeed, for many hoteliers and residents, the festival cannot end quickly enough, despite the enormous publicity and the £3 million in hard cash it will bring them.

This year's festival, the 46th, is expected to attract 15,000 film-makers, 3,000 journalists and 30,000 other visitors.

For two weeks Cannes will be transformed from a small provincial town into a noisy, brash, international horror. The sophistication and charm of many of the old buildings will be temporarily ruined with, for example, the Edwardian façade of the Carlton Hotel disappearing beneath a mass of posters and hoardings desperately advertising the wares of the worldwide film community. The locals have little choice but to grit their teeth and try to ignore what is about to happen to their slumbering town.

Instead, they are concentrating on the gentle, refined attractions such as the Vendredis Musicaux at the Hotel Martinez (reservations through Leading Hotels of the World, 0800-181123). On the first Friday night of the month, leading musicians hold recitals in the ballroom after a champagne reception. After the concert, guests eat in the exclusive Palme d'Or restaurant which, over the past few years, has built an international reputation and won two Michelin stars.

The entire weekend, including two nights' accommodation, concert, reception and dinner, costs between Ffr1,450 (£181) and Ffr2,090 per person, depending on the season, although the cocktails and concert alone costs Ffr130 (£16).

Christian Willer, the chef who has given the Palme d'Or its high reputation, also appreciates that many of the hotel guests are fascinated by the art of cooking, and has created a small table in the kitchen at which he will serve up to six guests at a time selected dishes from the menu, while enabling them to see how a top-class kitchen operates. Other hotels along the coast are proving equally inventive in trying to attract guests who want to recapture the style of the old French Riviera.

Most airlines are now planning to increase the number of flights they provide into Nice. British Airways, for example, intends to provide three flights a day from Heathrow, one from Gatwick, two a week from Birmingham and one from Manchester. Air UK, flying daily from Stansted, charges £109 for a return ticket to Nice, rising to £139 in July and August.

The Riviera is hoping that, despite the fall in the value of the pound against the franc, the new single European market will bring in even more independent travellers prepared to make their own arrangements, and, perhaps, snap up some of the many villas and houses now up for sale at bargain prices following the slump in the housing market in France.

They want, and are trying their hardest to achieve, a return to the old days when the British played such an important part in the life of Cannes and which resulted in streets with such names as Sir Walter Scott, Lord Byron, Shakespeare and Milton. Not that the British residents have been overlooked, even today. A cottage hospital, Sunnybank, looks after sick Britons and the Cannes English bookshop is thriving, as is the *Riviera Reporter*, a journal for expatriates, and the British-owned Riviera Radio broadcasting from Monaco.

Those who use these facilities, and others such as Côte d'Or — the very British shop in the rue d'Antibes where food from kippers to kedgeree can be bought — are not looking forward to next month. They know that it is how life in the town where the average age is 63 is celebrated for the rest of the year that really matters.

Smokers find a champion

Tips for travellers seeking cigarette-friendly airlines

Smoke-addicted travellers will breathe a sigh of relief at a guide to smoker-friendly aircraft published by their champion, the Freedom Organisation for the Right to Enjoy Smoking Tobacco (Forest). Their passive-smoking fellow passengers are less likely to welcome the guide, which claims to help the embattled smoker and the non-smoker.

The booklet, *Travel in Tolerance*, published as British Midland joins the growing number of airlines to ban smoking on flights, attempts to put the case for passengers who smoke.

British Midland, which introduced its ban on all flights last week, said it had done so in response to ever-increasing demand from customers for non-smoking seats. "Our annual research showed that even among smokers travellers increasingly preferred to sit in non-smoking areas."

The guide lists the countries where smoking is prohibited on domestic flights and international non-smoking flights from the UK. It outlines whether a smoking ban is in force, whether the airline or booking agent should inform the customer, the reason for the ban and the point at which a smoking seat can be reserved.

A questionnaire was sent to 127 airlines with offices in the UK, of which 74 responded. Of the domestic flights listed, 64 per cent prohibit smoking. On 45 per cent this was a result of company policy. But, Forest claims, in only 25 per cent of cases was the ban due to public or staff demand. In 53 per cent of cases bans were imposed by legislation in the country where the airline was registered.

Of 26 flights where smoking is permitted, only one indicated it was considering a ban.

Smoking is permitted on 76 per cent of international flights, according to Forest. On 53 per cent of those, the reason for the ban was company policy, while 29 per cent said it was due to staff or public demand. Legislation to ban smoking applied to only 18 per cent of flights. On 64 per cent of flights airline staff and booking agents were supposed to tell customers smoking was prohibited. Of flights that allowed smoking, 91 per cent had no current plans for a ban.

The guide explains how ventilation works in an aircraft, when pollution is at its highest level and why Forest believes some airlines are jeopardising air quality to save fuel.

"At present there is no source of information for travellers on what flights they may be permitted to smoke on," Forest says. "This guide will be of great value to both the smoker and non-smoker in choosing the airline with which they travel."

PETER VICTOR

FLYAWAYS

Spanish steps

ABERCROMBIE & Kent (071-730 9600) is running a series of eight-day walking safaris in Andalucia. The safaris can be taken between April and October (excluding July and August). Prices from £940 per person, based on two sharing, include return flights, transportation, accommodation, meals and excursions.

■ LOVE AIR (0279 681 435) has started a daily scheduled service from London-Biggin Hill to Le Touquet, with two flights on Fridays and Sundays. Prices start at £89 (Apex return). From April 2 until October 31, Love Air is offering flights, from Biggin Hill or Lydd-Ashford, Kent, and one night's accommodation in a three-star hotel, from £133.

■ CUNARD (071-491 3930) is offering a 20 per cent discount on all full cruises booked and paid for by July 1, 1993. All 1994 82-night World Cruises on the QE2 cost about £8,000, covering 33 ports on six continents and starting in New York, Fort Lauderdale or Los Angeles.

■ PLACIDO Domingo is performing at the Arena Di Verona on July 4. Page and Moy (0533 524444) is offering a seven-night opera holiday for £636 per person sharing a twin-bedded room. The price includes return scheduled flights between Gatwick and Verona, half-board accommodation, transfers between hotel and the opera, and an excursion to Venice.

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Old Cyprus: travellers value the island's traditions, over-development will drive them away

Traditions to treasure

Glafcos Clerides, the new president of Cyprus, is under pressure to turn part of the island into a national park to try to win back tourists. Over-development is being blamed for a 30 per cent fall in tourist bookings this year.

The decision to create a national park would overturn one of the last acts by the former president, George Vassiliou, which was to allow building in the Akamas region, a range of wild and isolated hills of great natural beauty on the western tip of the island.

Noel Josephides, the chairman of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (Aito), representing 130 companies in Britain, says: "By allowing developers the opportunity to create more Ayia Napa-like ghettos, which are no longer fashionable and attract low grade tourism, the government will be destroying that which attracted the visitor to Cyprus in the first place."

David Pearlman, the director of Exalt (excursion alternatives) Travel Ltd, who organises nature treks through the hills, says that environmental tourism is the future for Cyprus. "The government should try nature tourism over the next ten years," he says. "That means it should prohibit development in one area, such as the Akamas. It can be a viable business proposition and it is what people want."

However, developers and villagers who could sell their land for hotels are strongly opposed to the creation of a national park. Three villages have refused to participate in a test-project promoting "agro-tourism". Five villages are participating in the scheme in which tourists stay in traditional cottages and watch and learn local activities such as wine making, basket weaving and herb growing.

Orestis Rossides, the director of the Cyprus Tourism Organisation in London, says that Cyprus wants to win over the "discerning" traveller. "My concern is to keep on attracting the loyal client to Cyprus who appreciates the good quality of service, and to convince educated people that the island has more to offer than beaches," he says.

JAMES LANDALE

Airlines cut fares for business travellers

Attempts by Europe's airlines to win back business travellers with wide-ranging fare cuts have so far met with little success. British Airways said this week that in the three months to the end of March, the number of business and first class tickets sold fell by 4 per cent compared with the same period last year.

Now yet another round of price cuts, initiated by British Midland and being followed by almost every airline in Europe including BA, has begun to persuade businessmen that it is worth paying for the benefits on offer — separate cabin section, more space, free drinks and no restrictions on return travel.

Fares have been cut by as much as 25 per cent on some of the busiest routes from London — to destinations including Paris, Amsterdam and Helsinki. The reductions were not welcomed by the stock exchange and BA's share price fell immediately.

BA is not alone in its problems. Pierre Jeanniot, the director general of the International Air Transport Association (Iata), says a slowdown in the rate of growth of traffic recorded across Iata's 213-member airlines was "disturbing". According to Iata, overall growth was only 4 per cent in February compared with 11 per cent in January. The growth was concentrated on the low-yielding economy class fares now at rock bottom rates throughout the world.

Any hopes that the airlines may harbour of improving their yield through increased business travel later in the year as the world economy pulls out of recession also appear to be over-optimistic according to another Iata survey. Nearly 30 per cent of 800 companies surveyed had cut their travel budgets during the past six months and about a quarter expected further cuts in the next 12 months.

In 1991 companies made savings by buying cheaper tickets but now firms are reducing the number of trips, Iata says. Most worrying for airlines is the growing belief among travellers that developments in telecommunications will allow them to reduce their travel in the future.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Height of luxury

Crossair, the Swiss regional carrier, claims to be the first airline to realise that not all short-haul passengers want something to eat, and that those who are hungry do not necessarily want the same thing.

So from June 1, Crossair's flights, to 41 destinations in 11 countries, will dispense with plastic wrapping, disposable cutlery, ready-prepared meals and butter portions. Instead those who want to eat will be offered a choice of two or three dishes, according to the time of day, to be eaten on porcelain plates with silver cutlery.

Everything will be fresh: the orange juice; muesli to the original Swiss recipe; and special breads such as Italian olive bread and German pumpernickel used for sandwiches. Pastries and champagne truffles will come from a famous Zurich confectioner.

The new approach is the brainchild of Cuno Blattner, former head of in-flight service at Swissair, and Peter Bührer, the consultant chef responsible for Swissair's first-class catering. Crossair is 51 per cent owned by Swissair.

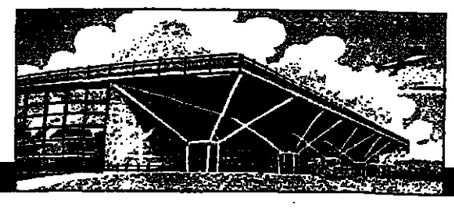
Crossair says the new style will improve service to customers while cutting overall costs because there will be less waste. "On many airline flights more than half the food and all the packaging has to be thrown away," a Crossair spokeswoman says. "We intend to make the airline meal an attraction rather than an aggravation."

ROBIN YOUNG

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BA lands an American triumph

The British giant has achieved a coup with an airline link-up enabling it to fly passengers direct from internal US hub airports to Heathrow. **Harvey Elliott** *reports*

The residents of Syracuse, Rochester and Cleveland will be able to fly to Heathrow with *British Airways* from the beginning of next month.

The flights will be advertised and sold as "direct" but the first part of their journeys will actually be with USAir, the loss-making American airline in which British Airways has just taken a stake of $300 million (about £200 million). The passengers, however, will have been booked on a through service with one flight number, and their bags will automatically be transferred from one plane to another while they make the connection at the BA terminal at Philadelphia.

Within a year, 38 cities throughout America will have been linked to the joint USAir-BA operation, which airlines in the United States have fought tooth and nail to prevent ever becoming a reality.

Senior executives from both airlines are meeting to plan how to develop the links, which will provide BA with a foothold in the vast US market.

Despite being forced, at least in the short-term, to reduce its planned investment in USAir from $750 million to $300 million, it is rapidly becoming clear that both BA and USAir stand to gain an enormous competitive advantage over their US rivals and that many of the fears expressed by the Americans may be justified.

Seth Schofield, the chairman of USAir, refuses to give an indication of the likely boost to his profits that the new link will provide. But he can hardly conceal his delight at the go-ahead from the US authorities.

"There is no doubt that revenue will be significantly enhanced," he says. "The new arrangements that we have been forced to accept mean that we have had to drop plans to give BA an effective veto on the board's spending plans and for common branding to be introduced across both fleets. This will, however, make no real difference from a revenue point of view."

BA's investment, which will give it an 18.9 per cent equity share and 21.9 per cent of the voting rights in USAir, has already been handed over and used to reduce USAir's $2 billion debt. It is planned that BA will reach the original $750 million investment target over two further phases spread over the next five years.

In the meantime, detailed plans will be worked out to use the combined power of the two airlines to form a joint fuel-buying consortium, share ground handling and advertising and marketing and to co-operate in the purchase of food and even new aircraft.

It is, however, BA's newly won ability to use the same flight code as USAir to connect passengers from dozens of US cities through the US carrier's main hub airports and on to London which provides the real opportunities for the future. The studies now going on are designed to fit USAir's network of domestic services into BA's timetable, possibly by altering the times that transatlantic flights arrive and leave the main hubs.

"There is a big difference between being simply an airline and one that is going to be a strong competitor," Mr Schofield says. "BA opens the world to USAir customers and through its new-found links with Qantas gives us opportunities for joint marketing operations in Australia and on the US west coast as well."

From the very beginning, the big three US airlines — American, United and Delta — vigorously opposed the plans and tried to persuade the new Clinton administration to reject the deal. Nonetheless, the deal was given formal approval last month, provided it was reviewed in a year's time.

USAir is so determined to make a go of the new tie-up with British Airways that it has cut its costs drastically, largely by persuading its 47,000 staff to accept a pay cut which varies in amount, depending on salary — the highest-paid lose the most.

The two airlines have also agreed to a complex arrangement that effectively hands over their routes between Gatwick and Pittsburgh and Baltimore to BA. USAir 767 jets that now fly between the cities will be leased to BA and repainted in BA colours. The cabin staff, though remaining on the staff of USAir, will wear BA uniforms.

The BA-USAir case, which finally won the argument against the combined opposition of three of the biggest, most powerful airlines in the world, drove a coach and horses through the opposition case. BA and USAir pointed out that the big three provided non-stop services from the US to 25 European cities while BA had only four such services and USAir three.

They also proved that American airlines dominated the market between Britain and the United States, providing 57 per cent of all weekly non-stop departures, compared with BA's 33 per cent and Virgin's 7 per cent.

BA, often accused of being the dominant force at Heathrow, in fact has only 38 per cent of all the departures from its home base, compared with the 92 per cent filled by American and Delta at Dallas and the 87 per cent provided by American and United at Chicago. In all, American carriers, with 144 weekly non-stop departures in 1992 compared with 135 for BA, operate more US-Heathrow services than BA.

When the US carriers bitterly argued that the investment by BA in USAir would give BA an unfair advantage, it was pointed out that American was taking a 33 per cent share in Canadian Airlines, that Swissair and Singapore Airlines had taken a 10 per cent slice of Delta, Air Canada had a 27.5 per cent stake in Continental and that KLM had a 49 per cent share of Northwest.

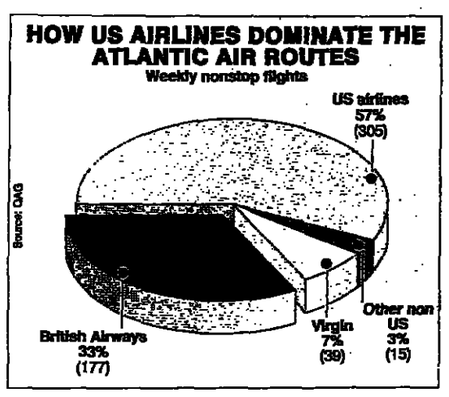
Several of the relationships involve foreign airlines which, unlike BA, are owned by their governments, whose bilateral agreements with the US are more restrictive than that between the US and the UK.

The main argument, however, was that the level of competition in the US airline industry was declining because of the dominance of the big three and the squeezing of the intermediate-sized companies such as USAir. With jobs being lost throughout the entire industry — both in airlines and in the aerospace companies — USAir had a strong card to play when it argued that the deal with BA would safeguard jobs.

America's travelling public, BA insists, will benefit greatly from the new link — through increased competition.

Almost two-thirds of Americans who travel to Europe start from a city or town east of the Mississippi River. As an east coast airline, USAir believes it should have a healthy chunk of that traffic but it is only sixth-largest. To grow, it had to find a partner, which it has now done.

The link between the two should help USair to grow and at the same time help British Airways to remain profitable.





Delight: Seth Schofield, the chairman of USAir

MICHAEL LE POER TRENCH



Box office tickets £17.50 — touts £65: that is the price difference for City of Angels, at the Prince of Wales theatre

Ticket touts in Sunset rip-off

Tourists are paying sky-high prices for tickets to London shows

Visitors to London are paying up to four times the face value of tickets for some of the most popular West End shows while many theatres are having to close because of lack of business.

The three productions most in demand are all musicals, *City of Angels*, *Crazy For You* and *Sunset Boulevard*. Already touts are asking hugely inflated prices for *Sunset Boulevard*, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest production, even before it has finished rehearsals.

Tickets for *City of Angels*, which opened last week, are being offered at £35 and £65, compared with a price of £17.50 to £30 direct from the Prince of Wales Theatre box office, which says availability is good. Stalls seats for *Crazy For You* cost £8.50 to £30 from the Prince Edward Theatre but are booked up for the next two weeks. Touts, however, said that no seats were available for months and quoted prices of £50 to £75.

Top price tickets for *Sunset Boulevard*, which will open on June 29, cost £36 from the Adelphi Theatre box office. One ticket tout, advertising in a newspaper, said he had "top seats, £100. It's sold out for months in advance." Most quoted about £75, saying that there was no chance of getting a ticket direct before next year. Mid-week seats are available from August.

In contrast to this rush for tickets, at any price, for the leading shows, ten theatres in the West End are temporarily closed: the Adelphi, The Cambridge, The Dominion, Open Air Theatre Regent's Park, Queen's, The Royalty, Sadler's Wells, The Savoy, The Westminster and The Old Vic. Although eight have performances scheduled for later this year and another 39 West End theatres are currently presenting shows, box office takings are sluggish.

A spokeswoman for The Society of West End Theatre said it was lobbying the government for legislation to put an end to ticket touting, particularly at some so-called booking offices. "People walk in thinking that these places look respectable because they take credit cards. The victims, often tourists, are sometimes asked to pay huge sums for tickets which are not produced until the last minute before a performance. Then the theatregoers can find themselves in bad seats."

She said theatre box offices were trying to combat the touts and the image of theatre as an expensive leisure pursuit. "You can buy tickets for as little as £3 for some shows. With the more expensive shows, for example Sunset Boulevard, the theatre is restricting sales to a maximum of six per person. But you can't stop touts; they just send lots of runners to stand in line."

PETER VICTOR

Secret of hotel's success

Savoy Hotels produced grim results yesterday nosediving £1.5 million into the red, having made profits of £2 million last year. The Queens Moat Houses hotel chain is under siege, with its shares suspended and accountants inspecting its finances. Forte, meanwhile, is expected to announce a £6 million fall in profits for 1992.

Some 25,000 hotel rooms are at present in the hands of receivers and banks are viewing investment and re-financing packages with jaundiced eyes. A small London hotel is, however, bucking the trend. The owner believes that others could do the same by offering added value to guests.

Diana Wallis, owner of the Beaufort Hotel, in Knightsbridge, said yesterday that her 28 rooms were 91 per cent occupied in March. The hotel, which charges a rack rate of between £110 and £250, has a 45 per cent corporate occupancy — at discounted rates. The Beaufort's rates include breakfast, VAT and, unusually, all drinks. The only extras are telephones calls.

Ms Wallis, a former television journalist, started the hotel in 1986. "We offer all the facilities that larger hotels offer like fax, direct phone lines, air conditioning and membership of a health club, but we provide better value. I've been shocked by the great long bills for extras in big hotels. At one I was charged for ice."

PETER VICTOR

Top places to eat in Italy

The best restaurant in Italy, according to a computerised evaluation of the opinions of six leading gastronomic guides to the country, is Enoteca Pinchiorri in Florence, *writes Robin Young*.

The restaurant, which gained a third star from the Michelin guide last year, scored 392.5 points in Sandro Doglio's "guide of guides", which takes into account the verdicts of Michelin, Veronelli, L'Espresso, Accademia della Cucina, Bell'Italia, and Gambero Rosso. Pinchiorri's beat Antico Osteria, at Cassinetta Lugagnano, outside Milan, by one point.

In third place came Gualtiero Marchesi's eponymous restaurant in Milan. Mr Marchesi also operates in London, at the restaurant bearing his name in the Halkin Hotel in Belgravia.

The rest of the top ten, in finishing order, were Da Guido at Costigliole d'Asti, Al Sorriso (Soriso), Dal Pescatore (Canneto sull'Oglio), La Frasca (Castrocaro Terme, up from 14th place last year to seventh this), Trigabolo (Argenta, up from 12th), Gambero Rosso (San Vincenzo, Livorno), and La Scaletta in Milan.

The most interesting finding this year, Mr Doglio concluded, was the increase in the number of top ratings handed out by the guide compilers. A total of 405 establishments received high praise from all six guides, as compared with 350 last year.

TRAVELOGS

Fly with a Hoover

CAPITALISING on Hoover's free flights débâcle, the ticket wholesaler Airline Ticket Network is offering free Hoover cleaners to passengers booking British Airways flights to Miami.

When two adults buy £309 return BA economy tickets through the wholesaler, between now and May 31, they will receive a free Hoover Junior vacuum cleaner worth about £80.

The fare, to which must be added £11 in American taxes, matches the lowest available direct from BA and includes free car hire for up to three weeks.

The company (0800 727747) has an unlimited supply of cleaners.

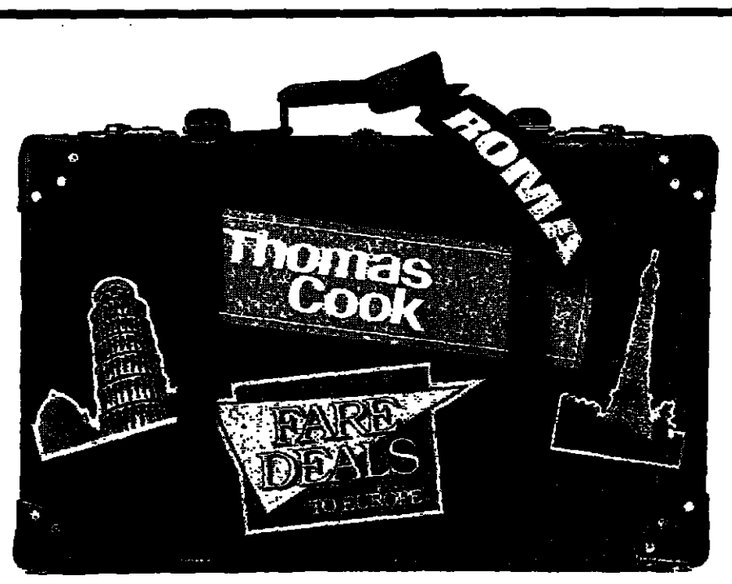
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Travellers still in the dark over EC safeguards


Noel Josephides: warning note

New EC regulations brought in to protect holiday-makers are having the opposite effect, according to consumer watchdogs. Many consumers remain ignorant of the new regulations, say the National Consumer Council (NCC) and Consumers in the European Community Group (CECG).

The European Commission and the Department of Trade and Industry are trying to make holiday-makers more aware of recent changes in EC law that offer travellers compensation when things go wrong. The new rules, which took force in Britain at the beginning of this year, lay down strict guidelines for package travel.

In the past, holiday-makers were often told that they would have to take their grievance to their hotelier, local tour representative or the airline that carried them. Now travel agents or tour operators will be liable.

The new regulations cover package holidays in some detail. For example, if hotels do not have the features offered in a brochure, travellers will have the right to lodge a complaint. Brochures form part of the contract for holidays and must be accurate. Holiday-makers must be supplied before they depart with full details of the holiday, including telephone numbers for local representatives and contacts in case of emergency.

The agreed price of a holiday is fixed, unless the contract says otherwise, in which case only acceptable price rises for changes in transport costs are allowed. No price changes are allowed less than 20 days before departure. Comprehensive information on holidays must be provided and tour operators must provide a solvency guarantee, by bond or insurance, before they can trade.

Strict rules to protect people on package tours have been in force for months, but few know what they entail

From last week, all tour operators are supposed to offer full financial protection to their customers. But, under the new rules, package holiday-makers can no longer be sure of automatic refunds if their tour operator collapses. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), which has taken responsibility for the Air Travel Operators Licence (Atol) holiday bonding scheme, says that its scheme will not pay out automatically. If it believes liability lies with another party, such as a travel agent or bank, it will withhold payments indefinitely.

But Noel Josephides, the chairman of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (Aito), says the door remains wide open for dishonest operators to continue to trade. "The government admits that the only way a member of the public will find out that his money is not protected is when that company goes bust and he doesn't get a refund," he says.

Aito is of the opinion that the only way to ensure financial security when going on holiday is to book with a bonded company.

Stephen Crampton, the secretary of the CECG, said the British government had gone for the minimum protection recommended by the European Commission. "Existing protection will be undermined and UK consumers taking package holidays are likely to be the worst-protected in the community." Mr Crampton said. The NCC said it was particularly concerned about people going on holiday, "thinking things were as they were before".

● Many business travellers remain unaware that since April 1991 they have been entitled to compensation if they are denied boarding on flights. Any passengers with confirmed tickets for scheduled flights who were checked in on time but could not travel due to overbooking can claim immediate compensation of at least Ecu 150 (£120). They are entitled to reimbursement or rerouting, with the airline bearing the costs incurred as a result of the delay.

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Treasure that survived Cromwell, the Nazis and a Scottish latrine

Crown jewels return to view

Scotland's crown jewels, the oldest collection of royal regalia in Britain, are to form the centrepiece of a new £1.5 million exhibition at Edinburgh Castle. The Honours of the Kingdom exhibition opened on Monday.

The jewels, including the crown, sword and sceptre, date from the reigns of King James IV and King James V and are still housed in the Castle strongroom built by King James VI in 1615. The exhibition tells the history of the crown jewels in a series of tableaux, from the crowning of Robert the Bruce in 1306 to the rediscovery of the jewels in 1818 after they had been lost for more than a century.


On show again: Scotland's crowning glory

The sceptre, a gift to King James IV from Pope Alexander VI in 1494, is the earliest of the Scottish papal gifts to survive. In 1502, James IV ordered a sword of honour to complement the sceptre but this was superseded by another papal gift, the sword of state in 1507.

The sceptre was enhanced and lengthened during the reign of King James V, who also ordered the traditional Scottish crown to be remoulded.

The work was undertaken in 1540 by John Mosman, an Edinburgh goldsmith, and the gold crown on display in Edinburgh dates from this time.

The first Scottish coronation to incorporate the full regalia was that of the infant Mary, Queen of Scots, at Stirling Castle in 1543. The last was that of Charles II, who was crowned in 1651.

The crown jewels were removed from Edinburgh to Dunnottar Castle, Kincardineshire, around that time to prevent their falling into the hands of Oliver Cromwell, who was determined to destroy them. But when Dunnottar fell to Cromwell, the jewels were smuggled out and buried beneath the floor of a kirk for eight years before being rehoused in Edinburgh.

From 1661, the crown jewels were used to signify the King's presence at sittings of Parliament in Edinburgh until the Treaty of Union in 1707, when they were locked in a chest in Edinburgh Castle's strongroom and forgotten. Rumours that the Scottish regalia had been removed to England circulated in the late 18th century. The novelist Sir Walter Scott badgered George III to allow him to open the sealed strongroom. Inside an oak chest were the jewels, unseen for more than a century.

They went on public display at the castle in 1819, staying there until the second world war when they were packed in sandbags in a cellar to prevent their falling into German hands.

In 1941, because of growing fears of invasion, the crown and the Stuart jewels were packed in cases and buried in the ruins of David's Tower at Edinburgh Castle, beneath a latrine. Even Sir Winston Churchill did not know their whereabouts. Four maps were made and kept in sealed envelopes.

Happily, such precautions were not necessary.

GILLIAN BOWDITCH

Surviving a press storm

Ros Drinkwater visits Shetland and finds the bewildered islanders getting back to normal

When the American-owned Liberian-registered oil tanker *Braer* foundered on the south Shetland coast in January, spewing 85,000 tons of crude oil into the sea, it was described as "potentially Britain's worst environmental disaster".

Three months on, nature has confounded the pessimists: hurricane-force winds have dispersed the oil and left many beaches cleaner than before the spill. While it will take years to assess the long-term damage done to wildlife, the only visible evidence is the bow of the upturned tanker and the overhanging patch of moorland, trampled by the feet of 1,300 newsmen. Locals fear the media may have done more damage than the oil.

Malcolm Green, the chief executive of Shetland Islands Council, says: "There are people around the world who believe the last television pictures they saw — Shetland covered in oil."

Last year 56,000 people — 39 per cent from overseas — visited Shetland to enjoy its spectacular coastline, unspoilt beaches, the largest population of sea-birds in Britain and angling and wilderness cruising. By March, Shetland Islands Tourism reported a 40 per cent drop in bookings and only after an aggressive marketing campaign has the decline been halted.

ROS DRINKWATER


Helen Thomson: "We've had calls from people who think Shetland has vanished under a blob of oil"

"Bed and breakfast places have been the worst hit," says Isobel Reid, the manager of SIT. "Most cancellations are due to worries about contaminated food. It is hardly surprising. *Drop the Dead Donkey* has nothing on the media's Shetland coverage. But only 20 out of 900 miles of coastline and 20 out of 500 square miles of land were affected.

"Eleven of the 60 salmon farms (representing quarter of the catch) were contaminated and these stocks have been destroyed. The other 49 continue production as normal and the product is on sale nationwide. A sea-fishing ban in operation applies only to the southern exclusion zone. Elsewhere fishing continues and no contaminated fish have been found outside the zone."

Fraser's, a Lerwick fishmonger, confirmed that it had not lost a day's trade since the spill and had 21 varieties of local fish for sale.

Throughout Shetland, islanders complain of being quoted out of context for dramatic effect; of people miles from the wreck being pressed to pose wearing masks, thoughtfully provided by photographers; of journalists refusing to believe that brown sheep were just that, not white sheep coated in oil, and of plans to move 20 to 30 people from the immediate vicinity of the wreck being blown up to sound as if an entire island evacuation was imminent.

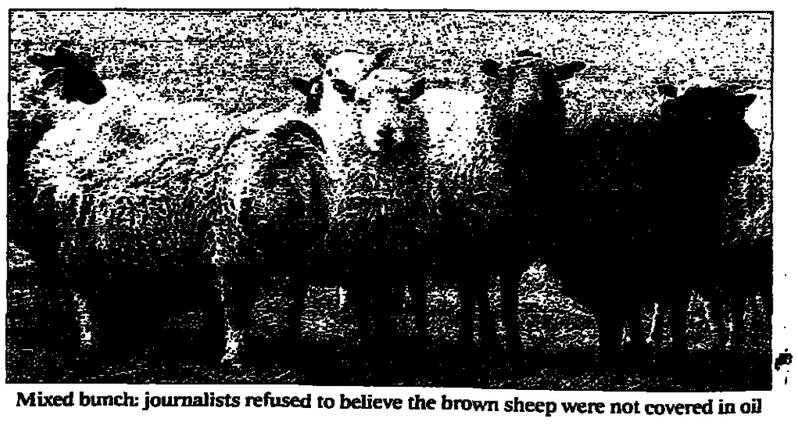

Sunk: bow of the Braer

At the height of the danger from airborne oil and dispersant pollution, experts testing the air immediately above the wreck found it to be 14 times less polluted than that in central London on a normal day, a fact that received little coverage. Says one crofter: "It pretty well sums it up that of the four reported otter fatalities, one died from oil, two from old age and one was run over by a Norwegian television crew."

For 14 years Shetland Islands Council has lobbied for legislation to protect its waters. The international Managing the Marine Environment conference, held in Lerwick last week, was planned, pre-*Braer*, to draw attention to the problem. In the wake of the disaster, it was hoped that press coverage might redress the balance, but the conference received scant attention.

Helen Thomson runs a Shetland Pony Stud and trekking centre three miles from the wreck. She remains stoically cheerful in the face of uncertainty. "People don't book ahead so we have no way of knowing how we'll be affected, but we've been inundated with calls from as far as Canada from people who think Shetland has vanished under a blob of oil."

For thousands like Helen, from landladies to fish-farmers, handknitters to ferrymen, summer will be a long time coming and until then, it is a case of wait and see.


Mixed bunch: journalists refused to believe the brown sheep were not covered in oil

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Bristol re-opens

One of Europe's grandest hotels, the Hotel Bristol in Warsaw, which has been refurbished at a cost of £23 million by the British hotel group Forte, will be re-opened next week by Baroness Thatcher, *writes Harvey Elliott*.

The Bristol, built in 1901 by a consortium headed by the concert pianist and politician Paderewski, survived the destruction of old Warsaw but it went into a slow decline under the country's post-war communist leadership and was closed in 1981.

In 1990 Forte signed a joint-venture agreement with Orbis, the state-owned tourism agency in Poland, and became responsible for managing the property. The refurbishment, in the style of the 1920s, took two years and provides 163 guest rooms and 43 suites.

The Bristol is Poland's only five-star hotel and the first that Forte has operated in a former communist country in eastern Europe.

Music while you snorkel

A RADIO show will be broadcast underseas to divers and snorkellers during the ninth Undersea Music Festival at the Florida Keys on July 10. The theme of the festival is the protection and preservation of the coral reef.

The broadcast will feature recorded messages and music to remind divers to be cautious near the reef. Very good fidelity is apparently achieved when the music is piped through special speakers. The broadcast will be made by the radio station WWUS-FM.

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Richard McCabe, playing Christopher Marlowe as a blend of Wilde and Byron

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Marlene Dietrich, dead but still a controversial subject in the city where she lies buried



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** finds himself unconverted by a Steve Martin born again as a semi-serious actor

Why should we believe?



Miracle man despite himself: Steve Martin in full flow as conman preacher Jonas Nightengale, in Richard Pearce's *Leap of Faith*

Steve Martin has reached that dangerous age when jokes alone are not sufficient and a comedian wants to be "stretched". It happened to Chaplin and Woody Allen: both cast aside the jester's cap and took on the sorrows of the world, to debatable effect. True, jokes exist in **Leap of Faith** but they are not in the forefront. What we see is Steve Martin acting a part — a fairly unsympathetic one, as well — in a morose drama striving too hard for significance.

Martin stands before us with ginger hair and a fancy name, Jonas Nightengale. An accomplished conman, he prowls the hinterlands as an evangelical preacher, selling hope to people panting for better times. When his travelling circus gets stranded in Rustwater, a Texas community devastated by drought, up goes the tent. The local sheriff is highly suspicious, but the good citizens pour in, enjoy fake miracles and donate generously. Then the inevitable miracle occurs unaided.

Leap of Faith begins with several points in its favour. Richard Pearce, director of *Heartland* and *Country*, has a nose for regional Americana: you really feel the heat and boredom beating down on this tiny town's flat horizon. And when Jonas works the crowd, prancing before his illuminated crucifix, the comic Steve Martin of old pokes through, victorious.

Then vices multiply. It is not enough that Lolita Davidovich's waitress has a crippled kid brother who regards Martin as a surrogate father. We must also suffer a quick-fire romance between Liam Neeson's sheriff and Debra Winger, Martin's blunt-speaking Girl Friday. "Do you ever think about settling down?" Neeson murmurs at one point, stroking her toes. Between these dubious types and Martin's unlovable rogue, who can the audience root for?

Leap of Faith
Plaza, PG

One False Move
Metro, Camden Plaza, 18

The Ox
Renoir, Chelsea Cinema, 12

Paris Is Burning
ICA Cinema

Best of the Best 2
MGM Oxford Street, 18

There is also the curse of monotony: while Martin's tent act may be stimulating at first, the sparkle dims with each repetition. All told, an interesting venture for these faithless times, but pretty dour entertainment.

If *Leap of Faith* leaves the viewer slumped, **One False Move** keeps us bolt upright. First comes raw violence, as two drug dealers and a glamorous girlfriend convert a Los Angeles birthday party into a terrible bloodbath. Then, once the trio head for Star City, Arkansas, with two hard-bitten cops on the trail, the real distinction of Carl Franklin's film grows apparent. There are rounded people here: there is a story. And the violence, far from being served up for our titillation (as in the execrable *Best of the Best 2*), develops organically from both. When each bullet is fired, we feel the pain, even if these low-lifes never bat an eyelid.

Pluto, a young black killer with an IQ of 150, is certainly impassive. Alongside rides Ray, white and an unpredictable bully, and an updated moll, the mulatto Fantasia. Franklin, veteran of exploitation movies for Roger Corman, excels in their desperate journey through the backwoods.

But there is much more to Billy Bob Thornton and Tom Epperson's script than drug dealers on wheels. Enter Sheriff Hurricane, Star City's finest in a redneck stronghold, eager to graduate to the big-time. Those jaded LA cops may laugh behind his back yet Hurricane's local knowledge proves crucial at the climax.

Cynda Williams casts an enigmatic spell as Fantasia; Bill Paxton (the sheriff) exudes small-town bonhomie; and co-writer Thornton makes the explosive Ray someone to avoid at all costs. Not everything is perfect: Franklin still has a few directorial kinks to iron out. But if you want a riveting thriller with flesh-and-blood characters, some *film noir* fatalism, and a tasty Southern atmosphere, *One False Move* has no current competitor.

For sheer visual perfection, this week's choice must be **The Ox**, the first film solely directed by one of the world's best cameramen, Sven Nykvist. Stare in wonder at the snowy Swedish locations: have you ever seen images with such crispness and depth? Yet the beauty created by Nykvist's collaborator Dan Myhrman takes second place to a strong, involving story.

The Ox has the stark force of a Swedish silent film or a rural melodrama by D.W. Griffith. In the 1860s, a drought-wracked decade, a desperate farmer kills his neighbour's ox for food. Suffering mounting guilt, he confesses, and gets life imprisonment in a hell-hole drained of colour. Now his struggling wife is tested: should she commit adultery and save herself and her baby, or starve?

In his sensible script, co-written with Lasse Summanen, Nykvist (see interview, below) avoids all frills and keeps words to a minimum. But the cast need no reams of dialogue to convince. A few scowls from Max von Sydow, a pastor in mutton-chop whiskers, and your marrow is chilled. An anguished stare from Stellan Skarsgård, the luckless husband, or Ewa Fröling, the wife left in the lurch, and your heart is pierced.

Other Bergman alumni appear: Liv Ullman portrays a farmer's wife, Erland Josephson a pedlar. As a director, Nykvist never approaches the heights scaled by his master (he photographed 18 Bergman films), but *The Ox* still offers cinemagoers something its hard-pressed characters never enjoy: a square meal.

Most of the people in **Paris Is Burning** scarcely eat properly: what money they scrounge goes towards dresses for New York drag balls. An abbreviated version of Jennie Livingston's excellent documentary appeared on television — *Arena* — three years ago (the BBC supplied some funding); but this half sad, half exuberant trip through the underbelly of New York's gay scene cries out for a cinema audience.

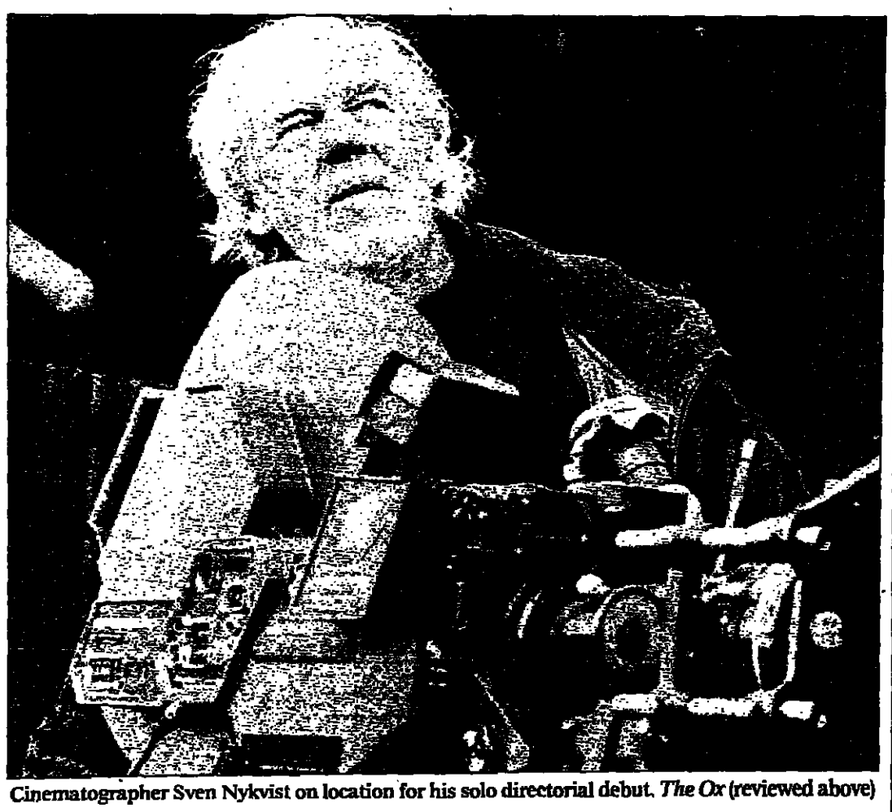
"It's like crossing into Wonderland, going through the Looking Glass," one ball-goer says. Like Carroll's creation, this Harlem Wonderland, peopled by blacks, Latinos and the poor, has its own rules and language. Ball entrants choose categories such as Butch Queen, Town and Country, or Executive Realness — "realness" being the ability to blend and look exactly like their straight counterparts.

There is a bitter irony here, for these dispossessed souls dress up to imitate the mainstream society that casts them out. But the people Livingston met during shooting in the late Eighties seem oblivious: for them the catwalk's spotlight is all that matters. The line-up ranges from veteran drag artist Dorian Corey ("If everybody went to balls and did less drugs, it would be a fun world, wouldn't it?") to a naïve teenage elf called Venus, plainly on course for a tragic end. They are thought-provoking company, and Livingston proves a most sympathetic guide.

If you want your spirits depressed, try sitting through **Best of the Best 2**. While Eric Roberts wastes his talent as a karate instructor determined to avenge a preening hulk for his pal's death, the soundtrack resounds with a sickening symphony of brutal blows, crunched bones and butted heads. What kind of world is it that accepts mindless brutality in the name of entertainment? The answer is clear: the world we live in.

Pages torn from a family album

David Robinson meets Sven Nykvist, a cinematographer now turned director



Cinematographer Sven Nykvist on location for his solo directorial debut, *The Ox* (reviewed above)

Self-effacement is an almost universal characteristic of the best cinematographers: but even for this profession Sven Nykvist's modesty is exceptional. He is the most inconspicuous person on any film set. He rarely moves from his chosen lowly position, squatting under the camera on a battered wooden box. Undistractable, he gazes with his steel blue eyes at the prospect ahead, looking, with his shaggy grey hair and beard, rather like an old Norse seafarer.

His directions to the lighting crew are conveyed in few words; and he achieves his visual marvels with the simplest lighting effects. He has stories of Hollywood directors, accustomed to stages blazing with lights on every side, being puzzled and dismayed when he asks only for a couple of simple lamps. American directors nevertheless fight for his services; and he is always Woody Allen's first choice.

Now 71, Nykvist was the son of a pastor. He intended to be a stills photographer and only came to film by accident. A keen athlete, he bought an 8mm camera so that he could analyse his high jump technique. The camera took over from athletics as an interest, and at 19 he enrolled in the studios as a camera assistant. As cinematographer he has since shot 110 films.

He first worked for Bergman in 1953 when Bergman's cameraman was away in America. Their collaboration was to make history and to win Nykvist two Oscars, for *Cries and Whispers* and *Fanny and Alexander*. (*The Ox* was nominated for the 1992 Best Foreign Film Oscar).

"Today we tend to make everything so complicated," he says. "The lighting, the camera, the acting. It has taken me 30 years to arrive at simplicity. Simplicity is my watchword both in my personal life and my work. But of course simplicity cannot mean not challenging yourself and taking risks."

In the case of *The Ox*, which is his first solo work as a director, though he has previously co-directed three films, he says he tried "to make a film so simple that people could not write complicated, intellectual things about it. I try to tell the story less with words and more with pictures. It seems appropriate to this story, which describes a time when words were sparingly used. It's a story I heard from my grandfather when I was ten years old and we were walking in the woods together. It is his story and the story of his neighbours in Smaland in the late 1860s, at the time of the great famine."

His grandfather was then a struggling young farmer whose only treasure was a pair of oxen. One of his labourers, even poorer and more desperate than himself, stole and slaughtered one of the beasts to feed his family. The film shows the catastrophic outcome and the farmer's inability to forgive.

"There have been films, like Jan Troell's *The Emigrants*, about the people who emigrated at the time of the great famine — a quarter of the whole Swedish population, most of whom landed up in America. I wanted to talk about the people who stayed, the people who couldn't scrape together the price of a steerage ticket, and had to find some way to survive at home."

The film was made in the countryside of Smaland where the real-life events took place. "I used to spend all my summers there when I was a boy. I think the place was rather a shock for my New York producer, Jean Doumanian. It was autumn and already very cold, and darkness fell very early. The crew was living in a little village in the middle of endless forests. We shot in cottages where there was only room for the actors, director, cameraman and operator."

Nykvist is such a gentle, diffident man that it is hard to imagine him doing anything so inherently impolite as directing. Clearly, though, *The Ox* was above all a collaboration with intimate friends, most of whom have shared the Bergman experience and who happen to be the most distinguished actors in Scandinavia. Nykvist's modesty does not preclude reverence and loving respect in his collaborators.

"Over the years", he is reported as saying, "I have learned quite a bit from working with so many talented directors." Many of them would readily admit that they had learned quite a bit from him, too.

Finding a place for Christ at Easter

ARTS BRIEFING

A VAST bronze figure of Christ, created by the sculptor Dame Elisabeth Frink, will be unveiled in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral this Sunday, Easter Day. Standing 14 feet tall, and weighing half a ton, the figure will be placed over the Great West Door, filling a niche that has stood empty since the cathedral was completed in 1978.

Frink was commissioned to produce a figure that would illustrate the text from St Matthew's Gospel: "Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden and I will refresh you". She says that she wanted to produce a "strong Christ with a primitiveness, an ancientness, yet with compassion in the faith." The Bishop of Liverpool, David Sheppard, says that "the cathedral architect, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, would recognise that Elisabeth Frink has captured in sculpture what he achieved in architecture: an experience that changes our understanding of reality."

Role-ing stock

THIS one will run and run. The 1993 Barclays New Stages Festival opens not in a theatre but on a steam train. Limn Gaza's "multi-media performance journey", *The Joy of Return*, will be enacted nightly from May 11-22 on board the Bluebell Railway in Sussex. The audience can "experience the rare sensation of steam travel" while watching a spectacle that "uses music, film, speech and dance — including a Busby Berkeley routine — to create a vision of a once-powerful and exotic culture in decline." Does that mean British railways, or British theatre?

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Last chance . . .

THEY say the old ways are still the best, and the Quireboys would be the first to agree. For a straightforward celebration of the old-fashioned rock 'n' roll lifestyle, tinged with the occasional, manly regret, their show takes some beating. Frequently and fairly likened to vintage Rod Stewart and the Faces, their gravelly vocals, chugging guitar and barrelhouse piano have a timeless, high-rolling flavour. A tour to promote the album *Bitter Sweet And Twisted* ends tonight at Newport Centre (0633 259676).

ROCK CONCERT: **Alan Jackson**

Club membership is set to rise

Ludicrous, perhaps, for a band that has been together for almost a decade to surface suddenly like some overnight success, but Mark Eitzel's **American Music Club** has certainly crossed a significant awareness threshold in recent months, resulting in its being the current name for discerning rock fans to drop. The nervy, intense Eitzel seems too maverick a spirit to be likely to feel thrilled at becoming a temporary object of fashion in this way, but it is good to find so gifted an artist receiving the credit he has long been due.

The magazine *Rolling Stone* named him Songwriter of the Year in its 1991 critics' poll, and his band's independent release *Everclear* one of the five top albums. Four previous AMC efforts and one five solo set were equally deserving, but suffered from being released on an assortment of small labels, each with promotional budgets to match their lowly status within the wider record industry.

However, their recent signing to the now corporate major Virgin has provided the necessary muscle to launch the band properly at Britain's grown-up pop consumers.

Yet, at the Astoria in London, on this last night of a brief British tour, the American Music Club emphasised the extent of their collective history by reaching into the past for much of the material. As a songwriter, Eitzel's particular gift lies in capturing moments of epiphany within human relationships in the flat, economical yet inspired style familiar from the work of the late Raymond Carver.

As a performer, meanwhile, he uses his big, bruised voice bravely, his unruly gestures and stance underlining a seemingly artless sincerity. The musical settings range from bleak torch songs to a slightly malevolent-sounding country and western.

Material from 1987's album *Engine* — the wonderful "Night Watchman" or "Gary's Song", on which bassist Dan Pearson provided exquisite harmonies — emerged particularly strongly, but "Gratitude Walks", "I've Been a Mess" and the forthcoming single "Johnny Mathis's Feet", all from the new album, *Mercury*, showed that blend of humour, pathos and insight which makes the AMC such a convincing proposition. Approaching 2,000 people, this was apparently the biggest audience they had played to: not for long.



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE/JAMES TURRELL: An odd mating at the Hayward Gallery brings together a retrospective of Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), close associate of Steiglitz, leading figure of the American avant-garde, and haunting painter of large flower pictures and desert scenes from the southwest, and James Turrell (born 1943), who works in pure light. For this show Turrell has created three new installations, in which coloured light controls and transforms the interior spaces to magical and eye-deceiving effect. The O'Keeffe is the first important showing outside America. **Hayward Gallery**, South Bank, SE1 (071-921 0873). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm). Opens today until June 27. (Closed Good Friday)

PELLEAS ET MELISANDE: With Claudio Abbado at the helm the Royal Opera offers an engrossing and thrilling performance of Debussy's intense masterpiece. Any reservations about the undistinguished staging are swept away by the singing of Frederica von Stade and François Le Roux (in the title roles) and Victor Braun (Golaud). **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Alexander Lazarev conducts John Tavener's *The Protecting Veil* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 "Pathétique" (cellist Raphael Wallfisch is the soloist). **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: The City of London Sinfonia joins forces with the Joyful Company of Singers, soprano Melanie Armistead, contralto Yvonne Howard and tenor Andrew Tusa for a timely performance of Handel's great oratorio. Adrian Leaper conducts. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm.

THE ROBBERS: A rare production of Schiller's first play, packed with idealism and revolutionary fervour. **Grace at the Latchmere**, 503 Battersea Park Road, SW11 (071-228 2620). Mon-Sat, 8pm, until May 1.

REGIONAL

ALDERSHOT: Simon Lewis, Andrew Court, Brian Howells and Nicolette Brown show off their soloistic prowess with the **Bournemouth Sinfonietta** in Vivaldi's Concertos in A minor and B minor. David Hill also conducts suites by Bach and Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks*. **Prince's Hall**, Barrack Road (0252 29155), 8pm.

BIRMINGHAM: The **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** gives an all-Mozart concert comprising Symphony No 30, Quintet in E flat for piano and winds, and the Piano Concerto in C (with Robin Levin). Simon Rattle conducts. **Symphony Hall**, Broad Street (021-212 3333), 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: The **Scottish Chamber Orchestra** performs Bach's *St John Passion* with an impressive lineup of soloists including John-Mark Ainsley (Evangelist), Peter Rose (Christus), soprano Lynne Dawson, countertenor Timothy Wilson, tenor Richard Edgar-Wilson and bass Michael George. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts. **Usher Hall**, Clerk Street (031-668 2019), 7.45pm.

LEATHERHEAD: Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge, Miriam Karlin, Ernest Clark in Peter Hall's revival of another Rattigan, **Separate Tables**. **Thorndike**, Church Street (0372 377677). Opens tonight, 8pm, then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

SCARBOROUGH: The season opens with Tom Elliott's **Feed**. Malcolm Hebden plays an ancient Variety star encouraged by his nurse to recall the old days. From April 21 it plays in repertoire with *The Norman Conquests*. **Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round** (0723 370541). Previews eves, 7.30pm; opens Apr 14, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **CHATSKY:** Colin Firth dishes out the spleen as the horror of Griboyedov's bitter comedy. Clever staging of Anthony Burgess's translation though the play hardly lives up to its Russian reputation as a major classic. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie. **Prince of Wales**, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value. **Prince Edward**, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

□ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

□ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack. **Aldwych**, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

◩ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel. A new cast takes over led by American actress Bebe Neuwirth. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success. **Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◩ **MISERY:** Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **MURDER IS EASY:** But an antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation is hardly worth doing. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

□ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff. **Comedy**, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

□ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

◩ **PLAYLAND:** Athol Fugard's two-hander: white man and black man, loitering outside a fairground, haul up their past and hint at the future. Builds to an eloquent climax. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 90mins.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** John Wells, William Gaunt, Richard Kane and Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

□ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS':** Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow staging by John Caird. **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, Sat, Mon-Tues, 7.15pm, mats Sat, Tues, 2pm. 190mins.

■ **UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS AND THE TRUE NATURE OF LOVE:** Sex, selfishness and serial murder: scorching production of Canadian Brad Fraser's play. **Hampstead**, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins. Final week.

LONG RUNNERS: ◩ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◩ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . □ **Hay Fever:** Albery (071-867 1115) . . . □ **An Ideal Husband:** Globe (071-494 5065) ◩ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) . . . □ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . ◩ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **JUNGLE BOOK (U):** Disney's most endearing cartoon of the Sixties: witty, tuneful, with a wonderful line-up of jungle characters inspired by Kipling. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MR NANNY (PG): Hulk Hogan acts as nanny to a brilliant inventor's problem kids. Overly violent vehicle for the wrestling giant. Director, Michael Gottlieb. **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD (18): Unnecessary remake of George Romero's shoestring classic of 1968. Tom Savini directs Tony Todd and Patricia Tallman. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Magical meditation on art and nature from Victor Erice, director of *The Spirit of the Beehive*. **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

THE SILENT TOUCH (15): Music student Lothaire Bluteau helps rejuvenate crusty composer Max von Sydow. Fetching comic fable about music and love's regenerative powers from Krzysztof Zanussi. **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865).

◆ **SPLITTING HEIRS (12):** Eric Idle seeks to retrieve his dukedom from American usurper Rick Moranis. Lamentable British comedy; with Barbara Hershey, Catherine Zita Jones. Director, Robert Young. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

USED PEOPLE (12): Will Jewish widower Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances? Queasy comedy romance, made watchable by its cast. Director, Beeban Kidron. **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353).

CURRENT

CRUSH (15): Impressive, jolting New Zealand fable about sexual power games; a first feature from Alison Maclean. With Marcia Gay Harden, Donogh Rees, Caitlin Bossley. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

◆ **THE CRYING GAME (18):** IRA gunman becomes obsessed with a hostage's girlfriend. Bold, powerful Neil Jordan film that falters at the close. Stars Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker, Jaye Davidson, Miranda Richardson. **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG (PG):** Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy; with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **HOFFA (15):** A star turn by Jack Nicholson as a labour leader with mob connections, but a dull David Mamet script. Director, Danny DeVito. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier. **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **MALCOLM X (15):** Spike Lee's ambitious epic. Denzel Washington is solid as the black activist, but prickly issues get sidestepped, and there is little cinematic fire. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route, filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter. **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN (15):** A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a barnstorming star (Al Pacino) and just a few spots of magic. With Chris O'Donnell; director, Martin Brest. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

WIND (PG): Carroll Ballard's visually luxurious but water-logged drama about the America's Cup race. With Matthew Modine, Jennifer Grey. **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999).

WITTGENSTEIN: Derek Jarman's jaunty portrait of philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein excites the eye and stimulates the intellect. With Karl Johnson, Tilda Swinton. **ICA** (071-930 3647).

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** spies an engaging, provocative entertainment

Kit Marlowe, double agent?

DONALD COOPER



Kit without his kit: Richard McCabe as a naked Christopher Marlowe

The School of Night
The Pit

PETER WHELAN's play, the first of last season's Royal Shakespeare Company's Stratford offerings to hit London, should appeal to anybody interested in the Elizabethan era. Name me another work that brings Marlowe, Shakespeare, Kyd, Raleigh, the Dark Lady, and assorted Walsinghams and Walsingham sidekicks simultaneously onto the stage. It should also please those who enjoy spy thrillers. For somebody like me, whose idea of heaven would be lying on a beach devouring Le Carré's *Revenger's Tragedy*, or Ruth Rendell's *Othello*, it is a pre-vacation vacation.

Historians have the death of the little princes to debate. More general conspiracy theorists have the Kennedy assassination. Now it is the turn of the literati and paranoid cognoscenti. Who stabbed Marlowe through the eye, and why? After seeing Whelan's play, I am half-inclined to suspect that one of the shady figures in that Deptford pub was Elizabeth I in doublet and hose. Who knows, perhaps Marlowe was her son by Francis Drake, and had been hinting in *Tamberlaine* at his imperial hopes. Everybody else seems to have had a motive — why not she?

As Whelan presents him, Marlowe is a combative atheist for whom the only sin is ignorance. Indeed, we meet him making Faustian imprecations to a deity he mockingly calls Dog.

As if that were not provocation enough, he is a homosexual, a republican, and the power behind a secret society called the School of Night, to which Raleigh and others belong. And as if *that* weren't enough, he is played by Richard McCabe as a blend of Wilde and Byron, a mix of the dissolute, the fretful and the idealistic on whose caution nobody can rely.

So who did it? Jack Klaff's big, sensual Raleigh, fearing exposure at a time he desperately wants to regain the Queen's favour? Walsingham's wife, Rebecca Saire's venomous Audry, using her lover to take revenge on a man she feels has corrupted her husband? This is a world in which Protestantism is battling against a hundred threats, real and imagined: it is one where to be a double-agent, like Marlowe himself, is to be relatively straightforward, and even Shakespeare has a hidden agenda.

Let me not reveal a solution of the most satisfactorily ironic, ambiguous and modern kind. Enough to say that it involves a body swap and a plan to spirit Marlowe abroad, but that the ancillary aim, which is to pass off his subsequent plays as Shakespeare's, does not materialise.

With Marlowe saying things such as "Kyd — *The Spanish Tragedy*, isn't it?", and Walsingham talking of "putting a listening-tube" in the Bard's bedroom, Bill Alexander's production sometimes comes close to crossing the boundary between sophisticated comedy and self-parody. Again, the debate between Will and Kit — the one seeing art as mirroring nature, the other as striving to change it — could fly higher, dig deeper, or both. Yet somehow the play works. What next, Cleopatra's vicarious murder of Julius Caesar? Rasputin's survival in the form of Stalin? If Whelan were the author, you could not keep me out of the theatre.

Well worth dusting and tracking down

The Return of the Prodigal
Orange Tree, Richmond

MARILYN KINGWILL



Brian Hickey and Janine Wood in St John Hankin's *Return of the Prodigal*, at the Orange Tree Theatre, Richmond upon Thames

IN 1909, St John Hankin threw himself into a remote Welsh river, and his seven plays, none of which was considered quite as good as those his colleagues Shaw, Granville-Barker and Galsworthy were writing, gradually ceased to be remembered. A photograph in the programme makes him look like a Thomas Hardy, old before his time — he was not 40 when he died — and in a Beerbohm cartoon he could be Clem Attlee. But there is a lively twinkle in his eyes, and the twinkle of life in the dialogue of this, his first success, makes his long disappearance from the British repertory something of a mystery.

The play's original re-working of *Luke 15. 11-32* brings a charming ne'er-do-well son back from Australia, whither his exasperated father has dispatched him, to sponge off the family. The old man has made a fortune manufacturing cheap cloth, though it is his hard-worked mill hands who do the actual making and we hear the repetitious clatter of their looms during the scene-changes. Since he has hopes of becoming a Conservative MP, and his elder son intends to marry the daughter of a local baronet, the silver-tongued young prodigal, Eustace, is able to persuade them that serving his interest will best serve theirs.

This declaration, like all Eustace's dialogue, is invigoratingly free of cant, and Timothy Watson brings exactly the right tone to the role — slightly caddish but not offensive, appraising, apprehensive, speaking with a vitality that seems feverish because of its directness, and now and then permitting himself a catch in the throat that is both self-pitying and self-amused.

The surrounding characters, family and neighbours, are mostly selfish or naïve, and Hankin sees them with an equally clear eye, relishing the heartless calculation of the Bracknell-like Lady Faringford. There is even a scene when she discovers her daughter (Janine Wood) alone with the unsuitable young man and all but snaps out the command, "Stella, the carriage!"

The temptation to Bracknellise it must have been considerable, but Auriol Smith's softer delivery is the wiser choice, more suited to the most interesting feature of Lady Faringford's character, that she knows her class is clinging on to power by means of an elaborate con trick.

One reason the play is not so good as those of Hankin's more talented contemporaries, though infinitely more intelligent than most Edwardian plays, is that he keeps unswervingly to his single story. There are no supporting sub-plots to enrich the main one, and when characters, situation and dialogue might profitably introduce flourishes, out of the sheer joy of letting the talk continue, Hankin reins his creativity back. But once again this agreeable theatre has revived an unjustly forgotten British playwright, and Peter Leslie Wild's direction, using the areas beneath the surrounding gallery to give depth to the groupings, serves his clever-tongued author well.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DANCE: **John Percival** sees English National Ballet premiere Ivan Nagy's final commission

Seven views of a saint as death approaches

Seven Silences of Salome
Swan, High Wycombe

THE full title of Olga Roriz's new work for English National Ballet is *The Seven Silences of Salome*, and it turns out that the lady in question is not only silent but absent. There is, however, a row of seven men across the front of the stage when the curtain goes up, all writhing, slapping, scratching at their bare torsos as though hot, uncomfortable and plagued with insects.

We are to suppose them seven representations of John the Baptist, down in his cell while Salome, somewhere above, pays the price for his head. At the end of the ballet a blood-red curtain descends to hide them, and just their heads slide through underneath it into our sight.

The main part of the action is a series of seven solos, each man wearing fancy dress which he takes from wooden boxes. Roriz makes all the dancers look good, giving them a wider variety of steps than we often see nowadays, contrasts of tone, one to another, but all driven on by the feverish energy and percussive force of Antonio Emiliano's specially written score. He and the designer, Nuno Carinhas, are established colleagues of Roriz, Portugal's leading young choreographer, and they work as with one mind.

The last commission of the company's former director Ivan Nagy, *Salome* is more contemporary in feeling and approach than anything else in ENB's repertoire. But its physical impact overcomes any incomprehension audiences might feel: the premiere was greeted with real warmth at the Swan in High Wycombe — an attractive, small modern theatre.

The performance on Tuesday opened one of two simultaneous tours by ENB groups to towns of the large-company circuit (I shall report later on the other programme). Another highlight of the programme was the brilliant dancing of Agnes Oaks in the showpiece duet from *Don Quixote*. But the performance of Paul Taylor's *Aureole* which opened the evening was a lamentable burlesque of the real thing, showing almost no understanding of the choreographer's style.

Salome is dedicated by the choreographer to the memory of Louis Falco, the American choreographer who died this month, and sponsored by Portugal 600.

ENTERTAINMENTS

ART GALLERIES

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CINEMAS

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In the market for memories

Almost a year after her death, Marlene Dietrich is big business in reunified Berlin. **Denis Staunton** reports

"Marketing is easy," says the nightclub manager. "You just do a comic routine and, while the audience is laughing, you hit them with the merchandise." With that he breaks open a number of wooden boxes, each one housing a small, medium or large Marlene Dietrich doll. Meanwhile, a huge helium-filled model of the actress rises up behind him.

This snooty view of the marketing of Marlene comes from *Sag mir wo die Blumen sind* (Where have all the flowers gone), a new musical about Marlene Dietrich's life which is itself probably the most aggressively marketed show Berlin has seen. Posters of a Dietrich lookalike decorate every street corner in the city, the elegant cheekbones, smouldering cigarette and imploring gaze suggesting saintliness, sex and sophistication all at once.

Almost a year after her death, Dietrich is in vogue in Berlin as the city roots through its memories in search of inspiration for a new identity as a major European city. As an international German star whose career began in Berlin's heyday of the 1920s, Dietrich is an obvious symbol for a city keen to regain its position in the world. The fact that she fought against the Nazis, once the basis for taunts that she was a traitor to her country, is now an undisputed bonus.

It is not that Berliners are shy about celebrating the darker chapters of their past. Last year's hit musical was a show called *Bombenstimmung*, built around German hit songs from the Third Reich. Audiences yelled for more as the old Zarah Leander and Hans Albers songs were performed on a stage decorated with giant swastikas. The career of Zarah Leander, known as "the Nazi siren", is the basis of Berlin's most exciting new cabaret act, a one-man show by a remarkable 20-year-old called Tim Fischer. The biggest success in the city's entertainment scene is the Wintergarten, a reconstruction of the pre-war palace of varieties offering the sort of entertainment on offer at the turn of the century.

The fiasco of Peter Zadek's version of *Der blaue Engel* last year did nothing to stop the search for a new Marlene in Berlin. Ute Lemper, who played the Dietrich role of Lola Lola in Zadek's show, lost her voice immediately after the opening night, which had been greeted by poisonous reviews. So when the impresario Friedrich Kurz said he was mounting a musical about Marlene, Berlin was delighted. Kurz started a revolution in stage musicals in Germany with his productions of Andrew Lloyd Webber shows which he marketed in conjunction with hotels and travel agents. With characteristic flair, he booked the Theater am Kurfürstendamm, where Dietrich herself had performed in 1928, until the end of the year 2000.

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With Terry Hands as director and Marvin Laird as musical supervisor, Kurz must have felt *Sag mir wo die Blumen sind* was in safe, experienced hands. So he took a risk with the casting of Marlene. Frederike von Stechow, a 25-year-old actress with one professional engagement to her name, was chosen from hundreds at public auditions. Berlin had found a charming, slightly plump, new Marlene.

But a day before the play was due to open it was announced that Frederike von Stechow had a temperature of 39 degrees centigrade and was forbidden by her doctor to sing until further notice. The part of Marlene was to be played by her understudy, Jutta Habicht.

Sag mir wo die Blumen sind begins Dietrich's career where she liked to begin it herself, with her audition for the part of Lola Lola in *Der blaue Engel*. Although Joseph von Sternberg is seen to coach her, Dietrich seems already fully formed as a cool, elegant film star.

Familiar songs by Friedrich Hollaender provide most of the music and all 20 songs are impeccably performed. But the structure of the play is an odd one. Scenes from the actress's life are interspersed with scenes set in a Berlin nightclub in 1993. Clumsy political parallels are drawn between Germany in the 1930s and the 1990s so that both fascism and today's xenophobia are ultimately trivialised.

Great weight is given to recent revelations about Dietrich's diverse sexual tastes so that within the first half hour we see the actress in bed between her husband and his mistress. Yet Dietrich says little about love or sexuality, so that the long parade of male and female lovers through the play seems indiscriminate and meaningless.

Dietrich is equally mute on the subject of politics, confining herself to sad little remarks about the beastliness of man and weary quotations from Heine.

The show coasts through its first half warily but intact. During Act II, however, any semblance of order disappears altogether. Whole scenes are played out in English with German actors with a tenuous grasp of the language struggling to imitate John Wayne and Orson Welles. By the time Edith Piaf, played by a man wearing a white wedding dress, was wheeled out in a wheelchair, the press night audience was hooting in derision. Before the show opened, Friedrich Kurz announced that he had already sold 100,000 tickets. So perhaps marketing is indeed easy. Musicals are not.

ARCHIE KENT



***Sag mir wo die Blumen sind*: Berlin's most marketed show is a musical life of Marlene Dietrich**

TELEVISION

Glow by glow account

A rock pool at sunset, somewhere in Britain. As the deep orange rays withdraw inexorably from the cold black water, a small group of luminous blue shellfish, called piddocks, seem to whisper among the rocks. Is it the waves that murmur; the ripples, perhaps, that talk? No, it is neither, for Lo! the piddock speaks. "Heard any *Local Hero* music tonight?" asks one, with a grunt. "No," snarls another, "Perhaps those bloody scientists aren't coming, for once." "For once, yeah." "Yeah." There is a pause. The piddocks shuffle a bit in the cold sea breeze, burrowing into their respective rocks for the comfort of relative warmth. If they had collars, these piddocks, they would turn them up.

"They got Ted last week, you know." "No!" There is a general intake of breath: "Not Ted!" The piddocks shudder in a strange unearthly way, the friction of flesh against shell causing them to light up more brightly against the dark. "What were *you* up to last night, then?" asks another, suddenly, attempting (literally) to lighten the tone. "Glowing like the blue lamp in *Dixon of Dock Green*, you were, mate. Taken a *shine* to someone?" At which tired old piddock innuendo, the assembled crowd of luminous molluscs groans in unison, and forgets immediately about Ted.

Last night's **QED** (BBC 1) was all about the piddock. Or rather, it was about a middle-aged married couple, Jan and Robert Knight, who have made the mysterious blue blush of the piddock their lifetime's scientific work. These "Knights of the Shining Piddock", as the programme was titled, made a charming subject for an informative and sometimes beautiful little film, mainly because while their professionalism was never in question, they seemed to retain all the quirky enthusiasm and single-mindedness of amateur naturalists thrilled with their discoveries. In short, they had a tendency to light up, themselves.

The point about the piddock is that its luminosity can be harnessed. Reduced to a substance called Pholasin, it can help in the diagnosis of disease, responding to white blood cells by glowing more brightly. This is its medical (and therefore commercial) use; and if the piddock takes off, there will be honestly no stopping the Knights; they will be millionaires. *QED* showed them researching at home in Plymouth (their house is also their laboratory), visiting a recently set-up piddock farm in Kent, and then taking their prototype blood-analysis kit for tests at a French hospital, and getting jolly excited when it worked. One felt extremely happy for them.

Only one big question went unanswered. *Why* does the piddock glow in the dark? Is it, you know, nudge, nudge, what one thinks it is? Robert Knight showed how, if you took the white fleshy sausage out of its shell, unfurled it and spread it out, turned the light off and then rubbed it in a way that was vividly reminiscent of something else, it went all blue and glowy. Mrs Knight said the process reminded her of Aladdin and his lamp, and I suppose you had to believe her, but well, I don't know, I didn't really. But how do piddocks do this business for themselves — in the shells, I mean? Do they smoke a cigarette afterwards? And, well, let's stop beating around the bush here: goddamit, do they ever *fake* it?

LYNNE TRUSS

An appetite for design

Marcus Binney surveys the submissions to an architectural exhibition which gave 25 leading practices an unusual brief

Scorecards should be provided at London's latest architectural exhibition. Here is a revealing opportunity for the public to rate 25 leading practices, large and small, young and established.

The winner, *hors concours*, in a class of his own, is Will Alsop. Exhibitors were each given an identical table display case to present one project that would explain the art and process of design. Alsop rebelled and laid his for lunch.

The table mats are clear plastic printed with drawings of his space-age Hôtel du Département in Marseilles. Pens, pencils and scalpels stand in for knives and forks, bottles of colouring for salt and pepper. Large rolls of sticky tape serve for side plates.

What catches the eye first are the giant x-formed candlesticks — exactly the shape of the stilts supporting his new debating chamber.

"The best ideas are often generated over meals," says Alsop. Even the table napkins are folded to look like the building. "It was hellish to do but I found a Victorian book on the subject and now they're planning to adopt the idea in the main politicians' restaurant," he continues. Alsop wins because, virtually alone, he suggests that the process of designing a building can be fun for all concerned.

Second prize goes to Ian Ritchie and his visionary project for a spherical planetarium on the river at Greenwich. Using a marker pen he deftly highlights the negative responses he initially received on all sides: "The National Maritime Museum could not lend official support to what is a highly speculative venture." The series culminates neatly in a page from the planning committee minutes "recommendation — refuse; committee decision — approval." Ritchie, you feel, will fight your battles for you, browbeating, or more often charming, the opposition into agreement.

Third prize goes to Nigel Coates for his new Penrose Institute in Tokyo. Here are sketches with all the brio of fashion drawing, in which the creative process takes place at high speed in front of you.

For sheer lucidity of exposition a special award has to go to Sir Norman Foster. His is a smart low-key exhibit of his marine simulator now being built in Rotterdam. In simple photographs with captions the practice explains how it will analyse the site, explore the opportunities and design the building. The quality of thinking and the nature of the service you will receive is crystal clear.

Ron Herron gives a taste of the way architects work by introducing a desk-top terminal which, at the press of a button, flashes up reports of every phase of his latest Japanese project, like a film script.

Allies and Morrison cleverly manage to convey the message that they will take pains over even the smallest commission, using space with all the ingenuity of yacht builders. The design for a modest family house is laid out like a kit of parts, which is far more attractive than the usual dry plan and elevation.

The president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Richard MacCormac, conveys a strong simple message with his new telecommunications college for the Cable & Wireless group at Coventry: even if your requirements are for rows of evenly spaced identical boxes he will think of a way of making them graceful.

Who rates a fail? Alas, Jeremy Dixon and Edward Jones have made the fatal mistake of arguing with the question. Their exhibit is an elegant homily on why it is not possible to describe the art or the process of design in the space available.

Nick Grimshaw also adopts a throw-away approach, exhibiting little more than a series of metal castings for his dramatic new *Western Morning News* building at Plymouth. Grimshaw enthusiasts will latch on at once but if you don't know what a glazing boss is you're completely stumped.

● Art of the Process is at the RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (071-580 5533) until April 16.



RIBA exhibitors were asked to present projects in an identical table display case: Will Alsop laid the table for lunch

LONDON CONCERTS

Master of grand gesture

LPO/Rozhdestvensky Festival Hall

One of the most colourful and flamboyant conductors in the business, Gennadi Rozhdestvensky is hugely entertaining to watch in action. Directing the London Philharmonic in Rimsky-Korsakov's lavish score *Scheherazade*, he imitated the playing of a harp for a series of ripples on that instrument, while a twid of the baton served to elicit a shimmering figure on the strings.

After muscular Honegger and intense Shostakovich in the first half, it all sounded luxuriously relaxed. Something of an illusion, no doubt, since the Rimsky had apparently had next to no rehearsal — this orchestra has not played it recently either — and Rozhdestvensky's gestures are often enigmatic to the point of unintelligibility. That such virtuosity can be taken for granted — and the score is a showpiece for orchestral players both individually and collectively — is a tribute to the ability of British players to produce the goods with minimum preparation.

Solos from cello, oboe, trumpet, trombone and clarinet all stood out impressively, while the violin solo of guest leader Duncan Riddell depicted a silky, sinuous heroine storyteller. The final section was not without its mishaps, but these were eclipsed by the generally brilliant execution.

If there was more tension evident in Shostakovich's Violin Concert No 1, that was partly because of the nature of the work itself, and partly because the soloist, Lydia Mordkovitch, was standing in for Salvatore Accardo at short notice. But it was a performance that was able to combine toughness with the calm introspection that also features prominently in the work.

The Honegger was a little-known work called *Horace victorieux*. Described by the composer as a "mimed symphony", it immediately preceded the better-known *King David* in his output and was based on Livy's account of the struggle between the Horatii and the Curiatii. Rozhdestvensky's dynamic reading showed it to be vintage Honegger: angular themes, abrasive textures, but rising to moments of almost cinematic pictorialism, with soaring horn themes and swirling harps and strings.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Robots with strings attached

Balanescu Quartet Queen Elizabeth Hall

How many string quartets can claim to have performed with Kate Bush and the Pet Shop Boys? How many, for that matter, would want to? Even in a generation of classically trained musicians for whom broad appeal has become an obsession, the Balanescu Quartet stand out as compulsively eclectic.

Their latest project — quartet arrangements of songs by the group Kraftwerk — seems almost heroically misconceived. The Düsseldorf-based pioneers of witty, futuristic techno-pop have spent 20 years perfecting a form in which machines do all the talking. Pursuing twin fascinations with technology and dance, they have outlived their more ludicrous contemporaries by constantly refining the specific possibilities of their chosen electronic medium.

There is obvious potential for irony and pathos in restoring the human touch to these wry industrial soundscapes. But the string versions by the Balanescus, even when played as spiritedly as they were here, can do little more than replicate the melodic content of the originals (the aspect which owes most to the sound of conventional instruments), while making a brave stab at some of the more startling effects; the infinite rhythmic subtleties and dynamic variations of a studio full of synthesizers elude them. The use of sound projections, a light show and some portentous bits of sculpture only added to an atmosphere already at odds with Kraftwerk's laconic romanticism and deadpan humour. The future hasn't sounded as dull as this since some time around 1974.

Despite the "Kraftwerk Concert" billing, the new material made up only the last half hour of the programme, which otherwise comprised what Alexander Balanescu described as a "strange journey through the musical landscape of Germany and Austria". Progress was hampered by grotesquely excessive amplification, effective in the Kraftwerk but debilitating in an indifferent account of Mozart's Adagio and Fugue in C minor, and fatal to the delicate charms of Gavin Bryars's *Die letzten Tage* for two violins, here given its British premiere. Only the exhilarating ingenuity of Michael Nyman's *In Re Don Giovanni* — a piece so robust it would survive a performance on washboards and kazoos — was unscathed by its passage through the electronic mangle.

Before the interval, Dagmar Krause, German-born veteran of British avant-garde rock, brought integrity and intelligence to songs by Brecht, Weill and Eisler. In the more familiar items of this repertoire, Krause's limited vocal range took her dangerously close to the mannerisms of a thousand would-be Lotte Lenyas; but elsewhere, in the Eisler songs especially, her unfashionable insistence that politics means passion — a constant of her long career — was thoroughly persuasive, despite arrangements that were both blander and less subtle than the larger-scale chamber versions which she has recorded.

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Nostalgia for the old order

After the Cold War, ethnic strife is the new threat to peace. Ronald Brownstein *finds the analyses of two American elder statesmen offer little for our comfort*



Straddling academia and Washington: Kennan (left) puts faith in new regional organisations, while Moynihan (right) believes the splintering of states is irreversible

George Kennan writes prose so stately and elegant it is easy to imagine him composing in jacket and tie. In his fourteenth book, his reserve is as stiff as ever. But *Around the Cragged Hill* still crackles with an edgy, mournful, even angry, tone.

Kennan presents this most intimate of his books as a response to those critics who have searched in vain through his earlier work for "something resembling a coherent personal and political philosophy." His response takes him from international relations to his most detailed critique of his own nation — a country from which, he acknowledges, he has often felt estranged. In all, this ambitious, sometimes lyrical meditation feels like a summing-up — a capstone to a remarkable career as a diplomat and scholar. And yet, it also underscores just how out of place Kennan feels in his times.

AROUND THE CRAGGED HILL
A Personal and Political Philosophy
By George F. Kennan
Norton, £16.50

PANDAEMONIUM
Ethnicity in International Politics
By Daniel Patrick Moynihan
OUP, £17.95

Kennan's sensibility has in it an Old Testament sternness. His perspective is rooted in an unshakeable conviction that humankind cannot ascend beyond the flaws in its nature. Man, to his eyes, is a "cracked vessel" torn between physical and spiritual impulses, and it is best not to expect too much from any institution he constructs. Thus, the Kennan credo: in domestic, as in foreign affairs, leaders are advised to set their goals modestly. The most governments can hope is to restrain man's ignoble impulses, not to realise his noblest.

Still, for all his astringent scepticism about government's capacity, Kennan cannot help but wish his own government would confront its domestic problems more aggressively. The man who defined the US strategy of containment in the Cold War sees little to celebrate at its end. Indeed, toward the end of his ninth decade, Kennan sees little to recommend the nation in which he lives above the nation into which he was born.

A true conservative, Kennan feels trampled by modernity — by the speed and sprawl of American life, its consumerism and impersonality, its physical and intellectual pollution. Even its scale horrifies him: "We are ... a monster country," he writes, and he fleetingly wonders if the US wouldn't be better off divided into "a dozen constituent republics".

Taken individually, Kennan's criticisms generally have at least some merit. But cumulatively they distort America's condition. Kennan sees the US evolving away from a Jeffersonian essence of small, self-contained communities. But change itself may be America's essence. The very perceptivity to new ideas that corrodes the traditions whose passing Kennan laments also furrows the ground for Microsoft, Apple Computer and the election of a reform-minded president younger than the eldest son of the man he displaced.

Though Kennan eloquently makes the case for an older, more structured America, there is no going back: competing with more static European and Asian societies, America's best hope for renewal remains its openness and capacity for creative destruction.

Like Kennan, Daniel Patrick Moynihan has straddled academia and Washington with rare agility. But while Kennan has retreated from policy-making to scholarship, Moynihan has made the opposite journey — from scholar to presidential adviser to senator. For the past quarter century, he has been a unique figure in Washington — an inspired combination of Harvard don and Irish ward heeler.

Moynihan's new book, though, falls uncomfortably between those two worlds. A study of ethnicity in international relations, *Pandaemonium* is far more learned than a politician's typical memorialisation of campaign bromides between hard covers. But it lacks a scholar's rigour. In this adaptation of a lecture he delivered at Oxford in 1991, Moynihan bounds from the contradictions of communism to the fate of Baghdad's Jews in a display more impressive for its erudition than its organisation.

Moynihan's central message, however, is clear, and very Kennan-like: ethnic hostilities of the kind now devouring Yugoslavia are certain to produce more horrors in the years ahead, and there may not be much the Western nations can do to prevent them.

The trend toward the fragmentation of states that has tripled the size of the UN since its formation appears irreversible, Moynihan writes, and it is not likely that new states defined along ethnic lines will have too much sympathy for the rights of the minorities still within their borders. It is a prospect grim enough to justify Moynihan's unmistakable nostalgia for the multinational empires that once ruled the new countries now perplexing the cartographers.

Assessing the same pattern of disintegration, Kennan puts some hope in the creation of new regional entities that would help manage the affairs of newly-created states, much as the League of Nations' mandates once functioned. Moynihan likewise calls for new international structures to help combat the chaos that typically accompanies the splintering of existing states.

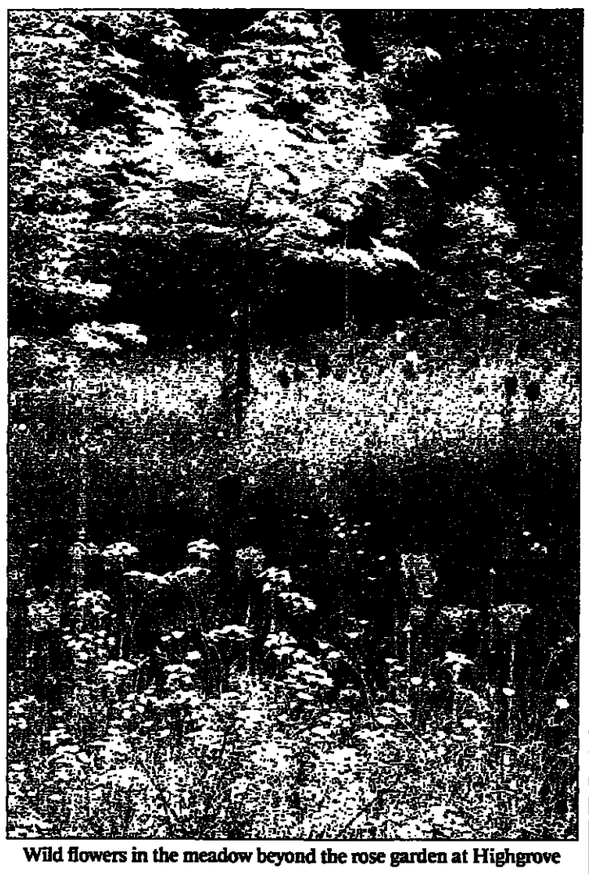
But new international institutions would face the same dilemmas as the existing ones — most importantly whether to use force when ethnic hostilities take flesh in atrocities, as in the former Yugoslavia. On that immediate question, neither Kennan nor Moynihan has any new wisdom to offer. Their uncharacteristic hesitance testifies powerfully to the difficulty of the choices facing the world's leaders as the Balkans suffer through a war that daily validates all of Kennan's pessimism about human nature.

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A garden for all thyme

Jane Owen

HIGHGROVE
Portrait of an Estate
By HRH The Prince of Wales and Charles Clover
Chapmans, £20



Wild flowers in the meadow beyond the rose garden at Highgrove

Here is a wolf in sheep's clothing: a prince's Big Green Book of rural revolution posing as a pleasant coffee table offering. It begins safely enough. The Prince of Wales retraces his pilgrimage of garden making at Highgrove. The gardens are glorious: a series of formal and informal styles woven together around Highgrove, illustrated by Andrew Lawson's pictures.

This gentle territory is inhabited by the prince and his garden-making friends, each of whom brought to Highgrove a favoured garden style. The end result is a *Who's Who* of gardening and What's What of British garden style: neo-Villandry formality in the kitchen garden (Lady Salisbury's influence); cultivated wild meadows along the drive (Miriam Rothschild's colourful wildflowers); voluptuous sensuality for high summer (a scented rose and herbaceous garden), old-fashioned English (cottage and woodland gardens made under Rosemary Verey's influence) and Sir Roy Strong's yew-framed windows looking from one part of the garden to the next. The royal star turn is an "... all the thyme in the world" garden conceived and planted entirely by HRH, despite the disapproval of Sir Roy.

The pictures alone bring inspiration and envy to the heart of almost any gardener, and the text tells an interesting story of the royal gardener's victories and defeats. In the midst of all this perfection, it is comforting to read that the prince planted one of his hedges on the skew and, better still, that he was not altogether displeased with the result: a tale of everyday gardening folk.

Today more everyday gardening folk are taking the organic route in their backyards, so the prince's organic message sits easily in the first half of the book, which concentrates on Highgrove's gardens. Even if he has taken organic gardening to its extreme with a "sewage garden" extracting clean water from the royal sewage by a series of pits, reed beds and willow plantations. The rest of Highgrove gardens are run on better known organic methods largely based on growing such healthy plants (thanks to a healthy soil) that they can resist some pest and disease. If not, organic remedies are found.

Apply the same broad principles to farming, add a few economic arguments, and stir in some criticism of the European Commission and of the Common Agricultural Policy and, suddenly, the prince and his co-author Charles Clover have an altogether more explosive formula, one that will no doubt irritate some conventional farmers. But Clover's father was an intensive farmer, so the arguments for organic farming are well vetted and thoughtfully explained alongside charts and figures which suggest that organic farming can be profitable.

Clover is at pains to point out that the prince's move to make Highgrove organic is a carefully thought out and researched strategy, no dilettante whim, while admitting that he has some advantages over others, such as the capital to finance sturdy and elegant fencing quite beyond the reach of many farmers' budgets. He runs through some of the finances of the Duchy farms attached to Highgrove: the organic thatching straw and the grains which can command a higher premium than their conventional equivalents and, thanks to new varieties of certain crops, the yields of organic crops which are relatively high.

This is seductive subversion. According to Clover, the problem standing in the way of many of our farmers who would like to go organic is the changeover cost. That cost, he suggests, should be subsidised by the government.

As if to drive home the hard-nosed message, the charming pictures of harrow combs, or of owls and other wildlife attracted to Highgrove by the wholesome hedgerow larders, mingle with pictures of expertly-packaged organic biscuits from Highgrove and of a woman plucking a Highgrove loaf from a Tesco supermarket shelf. How to have your loaf and eat it, or (in other words) how to take the high moral ground and, apparently, the dough.

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Blessed are the speech-makers

Brian MacArthur

LINCOLN AT GETTYSBURG
By Garry Wills
Simon and Schuster, £17.99

LEND ME YOUR EARS
Great Speeches in History
Edited by William Safire
Norton, £25

When the cemetery for the soldiers who fell in the Battle of Gettysburg was dedicated in November 1863, the main speech was delivered by Edward Everett, who was president of Harvard and considered to be the best American orator of his day. He spoke for two hours and nobody now remembers a word of what he said, not even William Safire in his new collection of 200 great speeches. After Everett's "oration", a hymn was sung and then Abraham Lincoln, the president, delivered some dedicatory "remarks". He was interrupted by applause five times as he spoke 272 words in about three minutes. Yet those ten sentences, according to Safire, were the best short speech since the Sermon on the Mount.

The Gettysburg address is indeed the noblest of all American speeches; a speech, as Wills argues, that used words as weapons of peace and which wove a spell that has not yet been broken, calling up a new nation out of the blood and trauma of war. Great ideas are made to "grapple naked in an airy battle of the mind", says Wills: the Civil War *is* to most Americans what Lincoln wanted it to *mean*, a war against slavery for the equality of man.

That is why its appeal is enduring, why it is still being recorded by Margaret Thatcher and Stormin' Norman and why, when John F. Kennedy was preparing his inaugural address, he instructed his speech-writer Theodore Sorensen to discover the secret of its enduring success. Sorensen's short answer was that Lincoln used short words, which is one of Garry Wills's conclusions, too, although his longer answer comes in 300 absorbing, scholarly pages showing that there was much more to its success than plain speech.

Lincoln was influenced, Wills suggests, by the rhetoric of the Greek revival, the imagery of the rural cemetery movement and the influence of transcendentalism, as well as his own political experience. The Gettysburg address was certainly not written on the back of an envelope. It was drafted and redrafted to win the ideological as well as the military civil war.

According to Wills, all modern political prose descends from the Gettysburg address. Those 272 words rendered obsolete the florid oratorical style of Everett and forged a new lean language to redeem the first modern war. Lincoln was adapting his speaking style to the development of telegraphy. Roosevelt and Churchill adapted their oratory to radio and were still eloquent, an achievement that has so far eluded contemporary speakers such as George Bush or Mikhail Gorbachev in the age of global television. With rare exceptions, such as Mario Cuomo or Edward Kennedy, it is not politicians but writers — notably Salman Rushdie and Vaclav Havel — who still manage to achieve eloquence when they speak.

Safire addresses himself mainly to an American audience and is over-generous to the 20th century. Many of his contemporary speeches do not bear comparison even with such recent orators as Franklin Roosevelt or John F. Kennedy. For the English reader there are some startling omissions.

There is no Lloyd George, surely the second greatest English orator of this century, no Aneurin Bevan, no Hugh Gaitskell, no Michael Foot. Churchill rates only two entries (Blood, sweat, toil and tears and the Iron Curtain) and Margaret Thatcher on the Falklands factor rates only four pages, against ten for Neil Kinnock, one of the great contemporary British orators, asking why he was the first Kinnock in a thousand generations to go to university.

It is easy, however, to carp at any anthologist's selections. Most of the great speakers will be found within the 950 pages of this handsomely produced book and Safire contributes witty and elegant introductions to each of his selections as well as an excellent essay on the art of public speaking. He can also be forgiven for selecting one of his own speeches — it is much better than many of the others.

Brian MacArthur's Penguin Book of Twentieth Century Speeches *was published last year.*

A messy, biblical and protracted end for us

The Killing of the Saints by Alex Abella (*Mask Noir, £7.99*). Abella's Los Angeles is a city of visionaries, a town where the artificial is the norm and only dreams are real, where what counts is the belief that you can impose your vision on everyone else. Ramon Valdez's particular vision is that he is a saint in the canon of an obscure Afro-Cuban religion and when arrested red-handed, after robbing a jewellery store and massacring most of the witnesses, he claims he was merely executing his god's wrathful instructions.

The task of building his shaky defence falls to another Cuban exile, a lawyer haunted by ghosts from his past. These increasingly manifest phantoms add a touch of magic realism from south of the border: Garcia Marquez meets Elmore Leonard, according to one American review, not altogether accurate as Abella's sense of vernacular is far more literary than Leonard's. The literary tick-list is evident in an affection for the local architecture, a fashionable ethnicity (*de rigueur* for the liberal American thriller), and atmosphere rather than hard plotting.

For all the smart writing and seriousness with which it tackles alternative religion, the narrative and romantic interest remain souped-up bunkum, but what's left, including a neat slice of Los Angeles sub-strata, is still a good deal better than the usual microwave thriller.

THRILLERS

Primal Fear by William Diehl (*Heinemann, £14.99*). Diehl falls squarely into the microwave category: packaged, instant and with a sauce not half as fancy as it pretends. This padded-out courtroom drama has the same basic recipe as Abella, today's irrational equivalent to the Edwardian locked-room mystery, with its proof of the impossible.

A maverick defence lawyer is tricked into defending the seemingly indefensible after his client — an angelic *naif* — is found drenched in blood, hiding in a bishop's confessional, the result, apparently, of despatching the saintly prelate in spectacularly gruesome fashion. Given the push-button formula, one can easily trace the sources: *True Confessions*, for the corruption in the clergy; Scott Thurow, for the legal eagle stuff; and Thomas Harris *passim*, not vested here in the psychopath stakes. But one eats it all up.

Gone by Kit Craig (*Headline, £15.99*). US neuroses over matters domestic (clearer now since the collapse of its principle foreign antagonist) and the erosion of the nuclear family are reflected in recent popular culture by a spate of weak or absent fathers, and fear of vengeful male retribution (cf *Cape Fear*).

Gone ups the ante by having the mother disappear too, so that the teenage family of a missing navy man decides to fend for itself, pretending to the outside that nothing is wrong. Observing the kids coming to terms with adult mysteries fascinates, up to a point: mom has been kidnapped by that popular bogeyman of *noir* and horror movies — the avenging psychopath from the past.

Though more thoughtful and properly written than the Diehl, with Diehl you want to know what happens, and here you don't necessarily.

Name of the Beast by Daniel Easterman (*Harper/Collins, £14.99*). Easterman plugs right into post-communist anxieties (the resurgence of Islamic fanaticism), to provide a good old-fashioned yarn given its edge by the loud clang of millenial alarm bells: Egypt 1999 and the Antichrist is abroad. The land has fallen to extremists who put the population to work building a defensive wall around the country; whole areas are sealed off by plague, death squads are seen roaming the streets.

It falls to a plucky Buchanesque secret service agent (British) and his lover (a beautiful Egyptian archaeologist) to bring sense to the situation. The set-pieces, such as an escape through the sewers from the City of the Dead, are done with a flair reminiscent of the golden age of adventure, but behind them, there lurks a genuine unease in the grim portrait of a civilisation transformed by terror (Easterman is an Arabist); and in the restating of the abiding theme of recent thrillers that things are going to get worse. Far from the instant nuclear holocaust once predicted, the end is likely to be messy, biblical and protracted.

Evidence of Blood by Thomas H. Cook (*Harper/Collins, £15.99*). More screwed-up American men drift through this thoughtful thriller whose rather creepy protagonist makes a living as a true crime writer interviewing murderers and serial killers. Drawn back home to Georgia to investigate the case his best friend was working on when he died, he is attracted to the dead man's lover and takes a journey into *Twin Peaks* territory, though with dourness replacing David Lynch's surrealism.

Evidence of Blood is notable for its guilt-ridden insecurities, towards present and future, but particularly the past, shown at first to be as idyllic as a Norman Rockwell painting, then revealed to be a varnish job of corruption, cover-up and a string of lies that gradually undermines the protagonist's identity.

CHRIS PETIT

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The artist in the monastery

The Dominican tradition is the key to a richer appreciation of Fra Angelico's painting, writes **David Ekserdjian**



Fra Angelico's Annunciation in San Marco: most of his works were executed for his strict religious order, but he was much more than a purveyor of sentimental piety

Giorgio Vasari's *Lives*, the first and most influential of all histories of art, is a collection of biographies that doubles as a triumphal progress. It recounts the evolution of the arts from the Greek or Byzantine manner practised around 1300 to their apotheosis in terms of the accomplishments of the likes of Giotto and Masaccio, who broke new ground, while painters, sculptors, and architects who did not are inevitably less admired.

Within such a scheme Fra Angelico runs the risk of being dismissed as a charming but minor figure, a conservative purveyor of sentimental piety. What is more, and does not help his reputation, he is one of those artists whose stature can only be fully appreciated in one building. Just as it is impossible to get to grips with Tintoretto's genius except in the Scuola di San Rocco in Venice, so San Marco in Florence is the place to see Fra Angelico.

This unusually beautifully produced book, with its excellent colour photography not only of altarpieces and frescos but also of the convent itself, makes one long to return there. More important, its intelligent and sensitive text transforms our understanding of a body of work that it has become easy to take for granted.

Professor Hood's argument is simple, but its consequences are profound. Fra Angelico was not the only Renaissance painter who belonged to a monastic order — Lorenzo Monaco and Fra Filippo Lippi are the most obvious others — but what Professor Hood demonstrates is that in his case the religious profession and the profession of painter were as one. As a member of the Dominican observance, the strict reform movement within the order whose most notorious representative was Savonarola, and for which the majority of his works were executed, he was both patron and painter, the selector of the artistic subject-matter and its interpreter.

Professor Hood has steeped himself in Dominican theology of the period, as exemplified by the writings of Saint Antoninus, prior of San Marco and later Archbishop of Florence. He has also studied prayer manuals such as the *De Modo Orandi*, which explain the various attitudes in which St Dominic is portrayed as a model for the friars at their devotions. These burrowings prove immensely rewarding.

Throughout Professor Hood is scrupulously aware of the danger of simplistically matching words and images, and avoids turning the latter into mere illustrations of the former. Furthermore, he never fails to place Fra Angelico's work firmly within the Dominican tradition, so that earlier Dominican altarpieces and cloister decorations are studied in depth, but at the same time remains aware of the artistic context, and is illuminating on the influence of the likes of Sassetta and Ghiberti. The result is a rich and highly perceptive account that reads as if written from the inside looking outwards.

It is constructed with great art too, and manages to combine a chronological narrative with a sense of order. Starting with Dominican theology and earlier Dominican art, we are led to an understanding of Fra Angelico's early works, mostly altarpieces, at Fiesole, Cortona, and Perugia, and on to San Marco itself. Then again, within San Marco, we move from the high altarpiece of the church, by way of the cloisters and the chapter room, to the three dormitories (respectively for novices, clerics and lay brothers) before concluding with two of Fra Angelico's masterpieces, the *Madonna of the Shadows* and the *Annunciation*.

If all this sounds heavily exegetical, then it must be stressed that the material is almost without exception presented with enviable lucidity. Better yet, Professor Hood never loses sight of the fact that he is writing about a painter. Close visual scrutiny is central to the approach, and the author is not afraid to include the occasional purple passage. Given the prevailing dryness of most art historical prose these days, this is extremely refreshing, and since the quality of these analyses is considerable, they prove to be one of the book's great strengths. Indeed, it is hard to find weaknesses in it. The worst one can say is that some of the iconographic generalisations are rather forced.

When *Fra Angelico at San Marco* comes out in paperback, as I hope it will, the hilarious misprint which produced Nicene *greed* rather creed should be corrected, although it almost seems a shame to do away with such a perfect — if fortuitous — Thatcherite coinage.

FRA ANGELICO AT SAN MARCO
William Hood
Yale University Press, £45

Hope amid rancour

Christopher Hawtree

THE COLLECTED LETTERS OF KATHERINE MANSFIELD
Volume III: 1919-1920
Edited by Vincent O'Sullivan and Margaret Scott
Oxford University Press, £35

Although it takes longer to edit letters than to write them, one can only marvel that six years have gone by since volume two of Katherine Mansfield's letters and that the latest contains eight months' worth — and with a hike in price which must make estate agents green.

Such considerations soon drop away. Within a page or two the drama of her life takes over. The autumn of 1919 finds her abroad for her health's sake: not only had she unwittingly suffered from the pox for eight years, but TB was now diagnosed.

Italy brought with it another enforced separation from her husband, John Middleton Murry, who had to edit the *Athenaeum* in London where literary periodicals were in a circulation war. Often addressed as Bogey by his wife, Murry might indeed bring *Casablanca* to mind. They will always have Paris: "I loved you so and you were grave and rather silent even then. Do you remember the white shoes with blue laces we bought in Paris? Oh, Bogey don't get older! Let us always be in our heart of hearts very very young."

Things were more fraught than that. At one point she feared madness, and berates him: "I used to feel like Virginia but she had Leonard. I had *no-one*." Out in Ospedaleti, where "the one great talker is the sea," she has in his place "LM" — short for Lesley Moore, the name assumed by Ida Baker when they were in their teens. Rarely can a companion have received such short shrift for her pains. "Better a thousand times to be lonely than to speak to her"; 50 pages later: "her great fat arms, her tiny blind breasts, her baby mouth, the underlip always wet and a crumb or two or a chocolate stain at the corners."

She herself was to suffer an extraordinary attack from Lawrence, who — obsessed by Murry — told her, "you revolt me stewing in your consumption ... you are a loathsome reptile — I hope you will die." To ward off any immediate threat of this, she slept beneath a mosquito-net for fear of a bite and kept a loaded revolver lest the Italians' anti-British feelings became virulent. Despite such rancour, the effect is often of an idyll as she describes cats, dogs and plants ("the cemetery bulks in my vision but then I'm an abnormal creature. If it didn't and if people had to come abroad I should say come here").

All is put into another perspective by her continual, astute criticism of each issue of Murry's magazine, as well as of other work ("the 2nd half of *The Way of All Flesh* is all machine sewn"). "First-chop writing" is her form of praise and "korker" is New Zealand slang absent from the *OED*. The *Athenaeum* was augmented by *Country Life* which "intoxicates me — the advertisements and the pictures and the way they harp on hardy annuals. We must have a boy for heavy work but I want to do a fearful lot myself — large gloves, again (mine this time) and very short corduroy velveteen skirt — buff orpington colour."

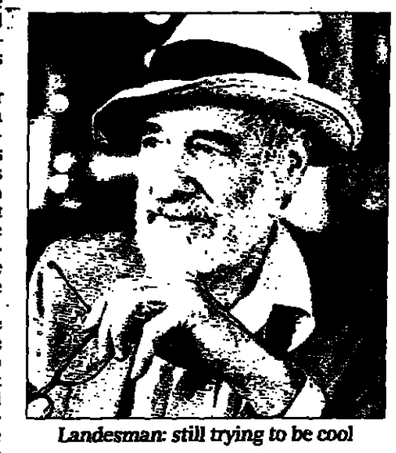
Heart-rending to know that such hopes were futile. These letters, however, astonish in their resilience. The effect is of a diversely populated story which more than compensates for the fiction which she was largely unable to write there. As before, this volume is admirably assembled (although that "orpington" could have done with a note). One is impatient for its successors — and for the much-needed definitive edition of her critical writings.

Into cultural battle

Kate Bassett

JAYWALKING
By Jay Landesman
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £15.99

UTOPIA AND OTHER PLACES
By Richard Eyre
Bloomsbury, £16.99



Landesman: still trying to be cool

In America, if you cross the flow of traffic without a pelican crossing, legally speaking, you are stepping out of line. *Jaywalking* presents its author as a Lord of Misrule, an American eccentric with his finger on the pulse of pill-popping promiscuous swinging London in the 1960s and 70s. Unfortunately, this account of endless socialising and short-lived entrepreneurial ventures is little more than a string of dropped names and shallow anecdotes. *Jaywalking* proves merely pedestrian.

Landesman has an eye for absurdities and constructs an image of the era's counterculture through his numerous vignettes: R.D. Laing howls along to jazz; Yoko Ono screams in bandages for a bit of self-expression; and, at the Amsterdam Wet-Dream Festival, naked women dance with rolling pins and geese get throttled.

Still, the funny stories are spoilt by the author's outsize ego, quite disproportionate to his brief success in beatnik America running the Crystal Palace club in St Louis, starting the iconoclastic magazine *Neurotica*, and writing one Broadway musical. For all his token wryness about his flower-power past, Landesman has clearly not got over being cool. He quotes pages of a friend's eulogy about so-called Landesmania and writes as if he thinks he is a Philip Marlowe for the sixties.

There is a latent nastiness in his flip treatment of his sons — "I had built an identikit picture of the perfect girl for Cosmo. She must have read Nietzsche by the time she started menstruating" — and in the marginalisation of his wife Fran, a song writer and poet. It is an undesirable paradox: the book is simultaneously self-centred and empty at its heart. The narrative's "groovy tidbits" are unalleviated by reflectiveness and personal feelings are shallowed out into wisecracks.

Jaywalking is meant lightheartedly to relive an epoch of nonstop parties, affairs and fun, fun, fun, but Landesman's life reads like so many wasted years. It is, unintentionally, an acutely sad book.

Richard Eyre is in many ways Landesman's opposite. *Utopia and Other Places* includes an account of his experience of public school and Cambridge University, his work as a less than brilliant actor and, ultimately, as director of the National Theatre. Yet these central chapters are framed by beautifully written biographies of his ancestors and by essays on theatrical figureheads, working methods, the aims of the National, and the shortcomings of arts funding.

Eyre's paradox is a positive one: even as he seems self-effacing, he is intensely personal — emotionally open, contemplative and forthright about his socio-political beliefs. Though rooted in English institutions, academic and professional, he has a rebellious side. Expelled from school, he remains abrasive about the British Establishment generally. In a curious inversion, Eyre also rebelled against what *Jaywalking* sees as anti-Establishment. His Landesman-like father advocated drunken parties and extra-marital sex with "a rapacious attitude to pleasure" that amounted to a "tyranny of fun". Perversely, going to Cambridge was an act of non-conformism contrary to his father's scorn of higher education.

Eyre's exploration of his tortured relationship with his father is painstaking and touching and he is fascinated, in turn, with his father's feuds with his grandfather. He produces a half-loving, half-critical appraisal of Olivier; condemns the political patriarchy for threatening "we feckless children of the art world"; and admires Granville-Barker and Brook as guru-like theatrical forbears. The father-figure is a leitmotif which delicately links these essays, disparate writing also threaded through with Eyre's consciousness of the bonds between present and past and his interest in our frustrated quests for personal and professional utopias.

It is not perfect. The book's closing section on politics is repetitive. Albeit intriguing, his synopses of the techniques of Judi Dench, Ian McKellen and Michael Bryant only skim the surface. Eyre occasionally waxes a little too lyrical using one simile too many or slipping towards the adulatory. The tale of Tony Harrison reciting Marvell's "To His Coy Mistress" in the middle of a small restaurant sounds more toe-curling than transcendental. "There was an almost palpable silence in the room," says Eyre. Well, there would be.

Actually, quite aware of potential accusations of sentimentality, Eyre's heart-felt writing is a crusade against English anti-emotionality. Meanwhile, though his aesthetic theories may not be revolutionary, they are intelligent and sure-footed. Here is an enthusing, thought-provoking, genuinely entertaining book.

The dispossession of Dido

Christine Verity

THE TENANCY
By Eva Figes
Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.99

Dingy flats and seedy boarding houses used to be a great standby of English fiction: Orwell, Muriel Spark, Barbara Pym all spring to mind. Perhaps William Trevor is the only one left to revel in the medium. Until, that is, Eva Figes came along with a novel that reads like a threnody to the great days when the smell of cabbage crept from under locked doors and the fear of Rachman was in the land.

The Tenancy is about something most of us thought no longer existed: private rented accommodation. It is also about something that we thought had disappeared when the Rent Acts were passed to protect people from being harassed and driven from their rented homes by greedy landlords bent on selling to the highest bidder. Figes's heroine, the spinster Edith, dispatches her elderly mother to an old people's home and prepares for a breath of freedom in her rented flat in what appears to be a genteel part of London only to find that strange things start to happen. There are portents, warning signs perhaps, when the water supply is cut off. But more unpleasantly a For Sale sign appears outside the house without the tenants being offered any explanation. Then someone's pet dog is found hanged in the garden.

In the most gruesome example of Rachmanism, an empty flat is taken over by a tattooed skinhead and his snarling Alsatian dog. The catalogue of harassment escalates, obviously aimed at removing the shabby but deserving group of tenants from their homes. The dog attacks and injures Edith. She ends up like some less glamorous version of Dido, engulfed on the funeral pyre of her home.

This is a short novel which manages to encompass a lot in its few pages. Figes writes tautly: her descriptions of things like the changing seasons in London are accurate, and add a melancholy background to a melancholy tale.

Although the official story here is one of brute force and unfeeling authority, against which are pitted a handful of hapless and harmless people, it is also a metaphor for the ageing Edith who sinks almost too passively into the chain of horrors unleashed by the sale of the house. Even though the law has not removed all the abuses suffered by those who still rent, it was probably unnecessary for the tenants in this story to have suffered quite so much. No one seems to have rung up the landlord and asked what was going on. But, leaving that aside, this is a well-written novel by a writer of high sensibility and standards, personal and literary.



Through the eyes of a beast of burden: Jesus takes the Last Supper with his apostles

The donkey that went to Jerusalem

CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

THE EASTER STORY
By Brian Wildsmith
Oxford University Press, £7.95

Foolhardy, you may think, to try to make a picture book out of this elemental story; and an affront, perhaps, to try to do it without King James's translators at hand. Against all the odds though, Brian Wildsmith succeeds. His approach is fittingly simple, watching the drama unfold alongside the donkey that brought Jesus to Jerusalem; and this quiet, unemphatic text is counterpointed by a sequence of glittering, chromatic spreads which are the more powerful for their almost child-like vision of men and of angels.

Wildsmith's huge bright picture books are not always as successful as this. To my mind, some of his best works are unpretentious paperbacks where he has been able to give point and comedy to his painterly skills.

Four new little books by him and his daughter Rebecca, have also just arrived (Oxford, £1.95 each). Each one exploits the potential of cumulative build-ups and neatly turned pay-off lines. *Wake Up, Wake Up!* has the farmer feeding a sequence of rackety animals; *What Did I Find?* brings a set of surprises in cupboards and refrigerators; *Whose Hat Was That?* does the same for headgear of the world; and *Look Closer* is exactly that — a persuasive exercise in seeing. Brilliant in every sense.



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Hendry finds best form at right moment

BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN Hendry used his most valuable asset — the ability to perform at his best under intense pressure — as he beat Peter Ebdon 5-4 to reach the quarter-finals of the Sky Sports International snooker championships in Plymouth yesterday.

The world champion, who begins the defence of that title at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield in nine days' time, has surprisingly failed to win a ranking tournament this season. Here, he found Ebdon offering stout resistance and threatening to cause an upset when he moved 4-3 ahead with a 62 break.

It was then that Hendry produced a dynamic response. He levelled at 4-4 with a 137 total clearance — the highest break of the tournament — and, after trailing 34-1 in the deciding frame, the irrepressible Scot put together a composed run of 76 to advance.

"I seem to be able to concentrate effectively when I need to most," Hendry said. "From 3-4, I managed to create two chances by potting long reds and I took them well." He will meet either Alan McManus or Drew Henry for a place in the semi-finals tonight.

Despite the encouraging nature of such a result, Hendry refused to look too far ahead: "A bad attitude, wrong shot selections and poor concentration have all contributed to an inconsistent season for me," he said. "My form has been too unpredictable to say what will happen next."

The Hendry v Ebdon match did not possess a monopoly on high quality snooker. Paul Davies, of Cardiff, and Ken Doherty, the ever-improving Dubliner who won the Regal Welsh Open in January, also progressed in style. Doherty completed a 5-1 win over Darryn Walker, of Wolverhampton, with runs of 100 and 123 while Davies, a semi-finalist in last month's Asian Open, included breaks of 123, 71, 55, 46 and 73 during his 5-1 defeat of Jason Ferguson, the fourth-round conqueror of John Parrott, the world No. 2, on Tuesday.

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Ebdon: resistant

Private circuit will become the hub of the Formula One world this weekend

Wheatcroft joins in grand prix cavalcade

Andrew Longmore meets the motor-racing enthusiast who on Sunday will stage a championship race on his personal track

MARC ASPLAND



Arch of triumph: Wheatcroft on the track in which he has invested a fortune in pursuit of a dream

When the light turns to green for the start of the European grand prix at Donington Park this Sunday, only one man will appreciate the full significance of the moment.

In bringing back the pre-war glory days of Nuvolari, Auto Union and Mercedes Benz to the rolling countryside of the East Midlands, Tom Wheatcroft, 70, has spent more time, more money and more emotional energy than even he cares to calculate. But he is finally getting his reward as the only private circuit-owner on the Formula One calendar. His very own grand prix.

Since he first heard the news last November, Wheatcroft has spent much of the past few months roaming his estate, checking on all the minutiae which dominate the complicated business of grand prix racing — two tons of gravel here, some extra debris fencing there — and, inwardly, feeling like a small boy with a new train set.

It has cost him an extra £600,000 to get everything spick and span on top of countless millions spent on development down the years, but Wheatcroft begrudges not one penny of it in the fulfilment of an overwhelming ambition.

The price would have been much higher had not Wheatcroft been a builder and thus able to call on the odd favour, resurrect an old bulldozer and know where to get the right materials at the right price.

In a world where one speck of dust on the Guccis causes stylistic panic, Wheatcroft has spadefuls of mud on his boots and is proud of it. If he is not talking motor racing, he is talking construction. If he can talk about both in the same breath, he is close to heaven.

"I'm having the time of my life at the moment," he said. "Take this morning. I had the fencing people in and I had to get them organised. It was back to my army days, but there is only one way to do things and that's properly. They say they will be done by Friday, but I don't think they will."

Had Pa Larkin organised a grand prix for an episode of *The Darling Buds of May*, he would have tackled it in much the same way. Not always by the book, but effectively, with common sense, no nonsense and with a rumbling laugh which sounds like one of the racing cars in his collection at full throttle.

Over the past 22 years, anyone who has presumed to get in the way of the pursuit of his prize has been subjected to the full force of Wheatcroft's homespun diplomacy.

The local planning department, where Donington Park must have a room of files all to itself, Rolls Royce, who owned some buildings near the track, the East Midlands airport, whose owners lost a costly public enquiry, the local villagers; all have been cajoled, bludgeoned, courted and charmed into submission at one time or another in the crusade.

At one stage, Wheatcroft carried out his own referendum in the village to determine attitudes about his track. He won by a two-thirds majority.

When, just last month, the council tried to stop him staging both the Formula One grand prix and the motorbike grand prix, which is in August, in one year. Eight hundred locals signed a petition condemning the council's decision.

"Oh yes, I've been to the planning people a few times. I've battled with everybody. But there are no problems with the airport now, nor with the farmers, and once I'd met the guv'nor of Rolls Royce, it was easy. The trouble comes when you get some deputy or some councillor trying to make a name for himself," Wheatcroft said.

"I never thought they would beat me. It browned me right off, but when I saw who the opposition was, I thought: 'Well, if I can't beat this lot, I don't deserve to get anything anyway.' So I just kept having a go."

Lack of support from the RAC, the governing body of motor sport in Britain, and the Byzantine workings of Formula One politics caused more problems.

Wheatcroft claims he was promised a grand prix by the RAC in the mid-Eighties only to find that, under the new one-country, one-circuit policy adopted by Fisa, the international governing body, Silverstone had gained an exclusive five-year contract to run the British round of the world championship. Wheatcroft sued the RAC, an action which might have been entirely typical but not one which was liable to win him friends in high places. He is an altogether wiser man now.

"Over the last year, before they said I'd got it, I began to wonder if I would ever see a grand prix here. But, I tell you what, if I had known then what I know now about politics, I would have got it here a lot quicker. I've got it worked out now."

The key to Wheatcroft's efforts in the end was his long-standing friendship with Bernie Ecclestone, the president of the Formula One Constructors' Association and the real power-broker in the business. "He said I could have one as soon as there was a space on the calendar. Then he rang me last November and said: 'If you want it, it's yours.' My immediate thought was: 'Help, what can go wrong'."

The last time grand prix cars raced round Donington Park, in 1938, Nuvolari was king in his Auto Union and Wheatcroft was an impressionable boy of 15. The year before, he had ridden to the track for the first time on the back of a friend's motorbike. "We lost it on a bend and ended up in hospital," Wheatcroft said.

He went the rest of the way by bicycle and, in the most rewarding investment of his life, paid half-a-crown (12½p) to get in. He has never raced cars, but has sponsored them instead, purely for the love of it. As things stand at the moment, Sunday's grand prix is just a one-off race. But a well-run weekend of racing would do no harm for the circuit's chances of getting more permanent recognition.

Either way, Wheatcroft has plenty of plans. A new road to ease traffic, an IndyCar oval, another museum to house some steam engines. "But I haven't fulfilled this ambition yet," he said. "A circuit's not a proper circuit until it has run a grand prix."

Milton in fine fettle for World Cup test

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

JOHN Whitaker and Everest Milton will start as favourites for the Volvo World Cup which begins here tomorrow. Forty-five riders have qualified for the three-part event, with Britain represented by the formidable trio of Whitaker, Michael, his younger brother, and Nick Skelton.

Whitaker, who won the cup with Milton in 1990 and 1991, is optimistic about his chances of a third victory. "He feels fine and is jumping as well as ever," Whitaker said yesterday, ten days after Milton had won a grand prix meeting in Zurich.

Milton, with career winnings well in excess of £1 million, arrived here yesterday — much to the relief of the organisers. "I think we would be lynched if he didn't appear," a member of the Swedish Federation said. "People have been ringing us non-stop to make sure that he is coming. Everyone wants to see him."

Other than in today's warm-up classes, the first chance to see him competing will be on Saturday. In order to conserve Milton's energy for the gruelling second and third rounds of the final, Whitaker intends to ride Grannusch in the opening speed leg tomorrow.

Michael Whitaker, on Everest Midnight Madness, will be one of Milton's main rivals. He has been in excellent form this season, winning in Zurich and finishing runner-up to Skelton in the Paris World Cup qualifier last month.

Skelton, runner-up for the Cup in 1985, is undecided about which horse to ride. He will put Everest Major Wager — on which he won the Paris qualifier — in the opening leg and, if all goes well, may choose to continue with him rather than the more experienced Limited Edition.

The three-part final starts tomorrow with the speed leg, in which a rider must finish in the top 12 to have a chance of winning the cup. The second part — one round and a jump-off — is on Saturday evening with the two-round final on Monday.

Although the Cup has gone to North American riders on ten occasions since the event started in 1979, the Americans have not had a winner for three years. Whitaker's two wins were followed, last year, by a first win for Thomas Fruhmann, of Austria.

The Dutch could prove the main threat to a third British victory and are represented by three members of their Olympic gold medal-winning team — Jos Lansink, Piet Raymakers and Jan Tops.

Rodrigo Pessoa, of Brazil, has also been in superb form this season, but Milton is the horse they all have to beat. As Michael Whitaker said yesterday: "You can beat Milton on the odd occasion, but it's hard to do it in successive rounds."

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Council used wrong route to protect children

Nottinghamshire County Council v P

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment April 6]

If a local authority refused to take appropriate steps for the protection of children at risk from harm, then the courts were powerless to act and were deprived of the opportunity to make an appropriate order.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by Nottinghamshire County Council from the refusal by Mr Justice Ward (*The Times* November 6, 1992) to make a prohibited steps order and allowing the appeal of the mother, father and the guardian *ad litem* against the making of a residence order.

The Court of Appeal held that *Nottinghamshire County Council* had failed in its statutory duty under the Children Act 1989 when it refused to seek a care order relating to two sisters at risk of sexual abuse by their father and sought to oust the father from the family home by way of a prohibited steps order.

Mr Justice Ward had refused to make the prohibited steps order on the ground of lack of jurisdiction but had held that as there was a residence application by the father before the court he could make an order, requiring, *inter alia*, that the father leave the family home.

Mr Ian Karsten, QC and Miss Sarah Edwards for the county council; Miss Judith Parker, QC and Miss Deborah Eaton for the mother; Miss Patricia Scotland, QC and Miss Cynthia Gifford for the father; Mr Rodger Hayward-Smith, QC, for the guardian *ad litem*.

THE PRESIDENT, giving the judgment of the court, said that Nottinghamshire County Council, having been given leave by a single justice, sought a prohibited steps order requiring that the father should not reside in the same household as his daughters and should not have any contact with the daughters unless they themselves wished to have contact and that any such contact should be supervised by the social services department.

Mr Justice Ward, after a hearing lasting several days, had found that the father had persistently sexually abused his eldest daughter, then aged 17, and that the two younger daughters were seriously at risk of abuse by their father; that the father had a conviction for an indecent assault on a girl who was not a member of the family; that the mother was weak and had no capacity to protect the girls and that if the father was to be excluded from the home there was a real risk that the girls would run to him. Those facts were not challenged.

Counsel for the mother, father and guardian *ad litem* had supported the judge's ruling on the application for a prohibited steps order. All submitted that the application was misconceived and leave should not have been granted, particularly by means of an *ex parte* application to a single justice of a family proceedings court.

In the view of the court, the application for a prohibited steps order was in reality being made with a view to achieving a result which could be achieved by making a residence or contact order.

Section 9 of the 1989 Act provided: "(2) No application may be made by a local authority for a residence order or contact order and no court shall make such an order in favour of a local authority."

The court was satisfied that the local authority was seeking to achieve those orders by the back door and agreed with the judge that there was no jurisdiction to make a prohibited steps order in the present case.

It had been submitted that a contact order implied a positive order and that an order which provided for no contact could not be construed as a contact order. The court did not accept that submission.

The sensible construction of the term "contact order" included a situation where a court had to consider whether there should be any contact. Therefore, an order that there should be no contact came within the general concept of contact and common sense required that it should fall within the definition of "contact order" within section 8(1). The court would dismiss the appeal of the local authority.

A wider question arose as to policy. The route chosen by the county council was wholly inappropriate. The local authority had a clear duty to protect children found to be at risk of suffering significant harm within the meaning of section 31.

Part IV of the 1989 Act provided a local authority with wide powers and a wide discretion. A local authority might place children with their parents even though a care order under section 31 had been made.

A supervision order was less draconian but gave the local authority a wide discretion as to how to deal with children and with the family. A prohibited steps order would not afford the council any authority as to how it might deal with the children and could not be a substitute for an order under Part IV.

It was most regrettable that the local authority, having intervened initially under Part V of the 1989 Act in order to obtain an emergency protection order, failed to proceed under section 31 in Part IV.

The local authority persistently and obstinately refused to undertake what was the appropriate course of action and deprived the judge of the ability to make a constructive order. It was wholly inappropriate for the local authority to seek leave to issue an application for a prohibited steps order *ex parte* before a single justice of the family proceedings court.

In future, any such application made to a family proceedings court should be transferred to the county council and should not be heard *ex parte*. Under the private law provisions of the 1989 Act there was no power to appoint a guardian *ad litem* to represent the interests of the children.

It was to be hoped that a serious lesson had been learned and that local authorities would recognise that where children were believed to be at risk of suffering significant harm the appropriate avenue was via Part IV which had been designed to accommodate public law applications.

Having refused the application for a prohibited steps order, Mr Justice Ward was left with what he described as a dilemma and referred to the fact that there was before the court an application by the father for a residence order.

The judge had made orders requiring, *inter alia*, that the two younger girls live with the mother on condition that the father did not live with them and that the father should leave the property. It was ordered that the father have no contact with the children unless the contact be supervised by the social services department.

It was submitted that that order was a device. The father's application had lain dormant and the father had not pursued his application for a residence order.

The judge had adopted an artificial course and said that he was driven to take some steps in order to protect the children.

The orders could not stand. They were inappropriate in the circumstances. The appeals against the orders had to be allowed. As a result there were no orders in force capable of safeguarding the children.

The court was concerned deeply at the absence of power to direct the authority to take steps to protect the children. The operation of the 1989 Act depended upon the full co-operation of the courts, local authorities, social workers and all those who had to deal with children.

Unfortunately, it appeared that if a local authority doggedly resisted taking the steps which were appropriate to the case of children at risk of suffering significant harm it appeared that the court was powerless.

It was to be hoped that that the position would not recur and that lessons had been learned from the unhappy catalogue of errors.

Solicitors: Mr Colin P. McKay, West Bridgford; Sheltons, Nottingham; Curtis & Parkinson, Nottingham; German & Soar, Nottingham.

Office lease assumption

London and Leeds Estates Ltd v Paribas Ltd

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment April 1]

An assumption in a rent review provision in a lease of office premises "that the demised premises are fit for immediate occupation and use and in a state of good repair and condition and that all fitting out and other tenant's works required by such willing tenant have already been completed" did not have the effect of requiring an arbitrator to determine what fitting out and other tenant's works the hypothetical willing tenant would have required.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when allowing the appeal of Paribas Ltd, the tenant, under its former name of Banque Paribas Capital Markets Ltd, in a lease agreement dated August 19, 1986 with the landlords, London and Leeds Estates Ltd, for a 25-year lease of office premises in Wigmore Street, London, against the decision of Mr Martin Mann, QC, sitting as deputy judge of the Chancery Division, on July 23, 1992 in favour of the landlords.

Mr Kim Lewison, QC, for Paribas Ltd; Mr Michael Barnes, QC, for London and Leeds Estates Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that before the deputy judge both sides had proceeded on the footing that the assumption made in a rent review provision required the arbitrator, in making his valuation, to determine what fitting out and other tenant's works would have been required by the hypothetical willing tenant.

The essential dispute between the parties was whether it was to be assumed that those works, once identified, had been carried out at the cost of the hypothetical willing tenant or whether no assumption ought to be made as to how that cost had been borne. The deputy judge said that no assumption could be made.

His Lordship said that a simpler view of the rent review provision was correct, which did not require the arbitrator to enter upon any determination as to hypothetical fitting out works or the like.

The assumption in the provision required first that the demised premises were fit for immediate occupation and use and in a good state of repair and condition and, second, that all fitting out and other tenant's works required by such willing tenant had already been completed.

The arbitrator then was required to determine the best open market rent at which the demised premises could, if available with vacant possession, reasonably be expected to be let.

The clear purpose of the rent review provision was to preclude the actual tenant from arguing before the arbitrator that the hypothetical tenant would be entitled to a discount on the best open market rent on account of the actual state of repair and condition of the premises.

It further precluded the actual tenant from arguing for a discount on the ground that the hypothetical tenant would have required further or different works from those carried out by the actual tenant, the cost of which would necessarily be borne by the hypothetical tenant, with a corresponding reduction in the rent that he would be willing to pay.

There was no warrant for reading into the provision some requirement for the arbitrator to determine what hypothetical works the hypothetical tenant would have required. If the parties had intended that there should be such a requirement they could and should have made express provision for it.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines; Titmuss Sainer & Webb.

Acquittal evidence admissible

Regina v Adams

Evidence relating to a count in an indictment which was statute barred, and in relation to which a defendant had been acquitted, could be admitted to support evidence on other counts in the indictment, provided that the evidence was of probative value.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Jowitt and Mr Justice Waller) so held on March 30 when dismissing Nicholas Adams' appeal against his conviction at Swindon Crown Court (Judge McNaught and a jury) on June 14, 1991 on 11 counts of doing an act tending and intended to pervert the course of public justice.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that the question was whether the fact that one count in an indictment was statute barred meant that the evidence which supported it could not be admitted to support the evidence on other counts which were not statute barred. It was one thing to be acquitted on the merits and quite another to be acquitted because a count was statute barred.

There was no reason why the facts of the count which was statute barred should not be admitted to prove other counts in the indictment, provided, of course, that those facts had probative value in respect of the other counts.

Correction

In *Kenny and Another v South Manchester College* (*The Times* April 6) counsel for the plaintiffs were Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Nigel Giffin.

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Dignity must be restored to protect the people's game

Gerald Davies on Welsh rugby's need for a stately revival after its brush with mob rule on Sunday

However much it may be wished that the issue of last Sunday's no-confidence vote and the mass resignation of the Welsh Rugby Union general committee would go away, it is unlikely to do so just yet.

The constitution, in fact, allows for a vote of no confidence only in individual members. This means, presumably, that at the meeting each member should have been named singularly and a vote given for or against him. This did not occur. But now that it appears each district is likely to re-elect the same member, the reasoning must go that the lack of confidence rests with other district members, not their own. The fault, as always, lies somewhere else. Such is Welsh rugby politics.

It would be better to concentrate on the exciting young players who are making their way through the ranks of the first-class game.

There was the R Jones, for instance, who featured at scrum half for Swansea on Tuesday evening. This is not the Robert Jones of Wales and British Isles fame, but Robbie Jones, a 19-year-old from Swansea's youth. If you look to Cardiff, there are about half-a-dozen more — Harries, Palfrey, Hewlett, Hill, Thomas, for example — who are beginning to make their way in the senior game.

For their sake, the events of Sunday had better be more than just a matter of proving a constitutional point of club power. It is to be hoped that the current administrative commotion will not dim the sparkle in their eyes nor their step grow weary by the agitation among their elders.

The idea of rugby being the people's game, as opposed to belonging to a section of society based largely on the public shcools, is a proud and honourable tradition in the 112-year history of the union. But it only needs a nudge for this to be disfigured by the rule of the mob. The thin line just about held on Sunday. Dignity desperately needs to be restored.

The request remains for constitutional change and general committee reorganisation. Papers on these matters will be dispatched to all the clubs to determine how to proceed. If the 200-odd clubs in the union respond with something less than unanimity on any changes, who, then, will be charged with collating the detail? All this will reverberate at least until the AGM in 1994.

Wherever doubts existed before about changes the constitution requires, and lawyers admit that it is badly drafted, the conduct of the meeting and the procedures which led to it confirmed that a review is long overdue. In fact, the first proposals for such an assessment go back to 1973 when Hermas Evans, a life member and one of the two trustees now discharged with controlling the union's affairs, was directly involved. As has happened on other occasions since then, these were shelved.

Rugby is a serious business in Wales. Often too serious. Gwyn Thomas, novelist, dramatist, raconteur and regular panellist on the *Brains Trust* of the Fifties, once wrote as a preface to one of his dramas: "I wanted a play that would paint the full face of sensuality, rebellion and revivalism. In South Wales these three phenomena have played second fiddle only to the [Welsh] Rugby Union, which is a distillation of all three."

I cannot vouch, shall *I* say, for the sensuality, but the rebellion has taken place and only time will tell whether there is a genuine mood for a stately and graceful revival.

Rocastle likely to seek talks with Wilkinson

DAVID Rocastle is expected to seek a meeting with Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, after having to sit out the club's 2-1 defeat away to Sheffield United on Tuesday.

The former England midfield player, signed for £2 million from Arsenal last summer, may have come to the end of his Elland Road adventure after only a handful of appearances. Also omitted were Rod Wallace, Lee Chapman, Steve Hodge and John Newsome.

Explaining his selection, Wilkinson said yesterday: "Our away form speaks for itself. The people who have been in the team away from home this season have had their chance so there didn't seem to be a lot to lose."

Leeds have not won away all season and the five top players omitted will get no sympathy from Gordon Strachan, who led the team to the championship last season.

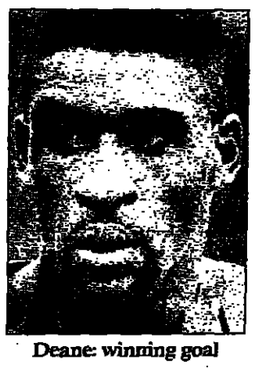
"It's time for everyone to stand up and be counted," Strachan said. "If anyone turns up in training with a long face they are no use to this club. No one player is bigger than this club whether they are Billy Bremner, Norman Hunter or any of the greats.

"We have all got to pull together to ensure that Leeds United remain a top-class side. We must get our chins up off the ground and get on with it. I've been worried all season and it's now time for the senior players to take the responsibility and help the younger ones.

"If people need a kick they will certainly get one — eveyone must now give 100 per cent. However, I think we have the players at this club with the ability and character to get the results we need.

"We should be looking up at what's going on above us not what's going on below us. That's the way we must approach it and that's what I'll be trying to instil into the players."

Wilkinson's gamble backfired as youngsters Dylan Kerr, Mark Tinkler, Jamie Forrester and Frank Strandli found the going difficult in a tense bottom-of-the-table encounter.



Deane: winning goal

However, Strandli did at least get the Leeds goal after 34 minutes which cancelled out an earlier strike by Paul Rogers, who had been left out of Sheffield United's FA Cup semi-final team on Saturday.

Happiest man in the Sheffield dressing-room after the game, though, was Brian Deane, who struck the 86th-minute winning goal, having earlier missed a penalty.

Victory lifted Sheffield United out of the bottom three but Dave Bassett, their manager, said: "It's all very tight at the bottom and it will be until the end of the season. It's no good our worrying about other teams — it's down to what we do now."

Middlesbrough moved off the foot of the table above Nottingham Forest with a 1-0 home victory over **Arsenal**, who lost David Hillier, their midfield player, with a first-minute injury. Hillier has now been ruled out of the Coca-Cola Cup final against Sheffield Wednesday at Wembley on Sunday week and Arsenal's remaining league games, but hopes to be fit for the FA Cup final on May 15.

Robert Fleck, the **Chelsea** striker, will not have any action taken against him following his gesturing to fans in the 1-1 draw against **Ipswich** at Portman Road.

Fleck, a substitute, was admonished by a steward while warming up behind a goal. Police later went to the Chelsea dressing-room to speak to David Webb, the Chelsea manager, about the incident.

However, John Lloyd, the referee, said yesterday that he would not be reporting the incident to the FA. David Rose, the Ipswich secretary, said: "The police have told us they won't be taking it any further and as far as we are concerned the matter is finished."

Mick McGivern, the Ipswich manager, said that Eddie Youds, his full back, had had two stitches inserted near his eye after clashing heads with Tony Cascarino in the opening minutes of the game.

Guy Whittingham, the **Portsmouth** striker, took his season's tally to 43 with a hat-trick against **Peterborough** and Jim Smith, their manager, said: "The number of goals he has scored has helped us get into the position we are today. I feel we now have enough points to ensure a place in the play-offs but now we are looking for automatic promotion as a real possibility. The team are playing with a tremendous amount of confidence."



Back in the swim: Sarah Hardcastle will compete in an Olympic-size pool for the first time in almost seven years today. The gap and venue are significant; it was at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh in the summer of 1986 that she missed the world record at 800 metres freestyle by 0.15sec while claiming the Commonwealth title (Craig Lord writes). Her frustration would have been all the more acute had she known at the time that the pool was fractionally longer than 50 metres, albeit well within the official tolerance level.

The Games of 1986 marked the last success of her first career, for a week later, at the world championships, she failed to live up to expectations, her own included, and announced her retirement at the tender age of 16. Hardcastle will cut a more mature dash as she graces the Uncle Ben's Edinburgh International over the next three days. She regained her place as Britain's leading distance swimmer in December, when she became national short-course champion at 400 and 800 metres.

Other competitors include the American, Jeff Rouse, world record-holder at 100 metres backstroke, and Mark Foster, of Britain, who broke the world 50 metres record at the short-course World Cup in February.

French cup hopes suffer double blow

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARSEILLES may be the standard-bearers for the latest French attempt to win the country's first European club trophy, but the Uefa Cup — with the double challenge of Auxerre and Paris Saint-Germain — remains France's best hope of success. At least it was until Tuesday night.

Defeats in the first leg of both semi-final ties involving Auxerre and Saint-Germain have cast shadows over the chances of either reaching the final. Auxerre's chances against Borussia Dortmund were hurt by a 2-0 defeat in Germany that leaves them with a stern test in the second leg, while Paris, who lost 2-1 to Juventus in Turin, must repeat the heroics that saw them overturn a 3-1 deficit against Read Madrid in the second leg of their quarter-final.

Second-half goals from Steffen Karl and Michael Zorc earned Dortmund their victory. Karl's deflected shot in the sixtieth minute and Zorc's 88th-minute header completing a deserved victory. Dortmund should have enjoyed a greater lead for the second leg but Zorc had a second-half penalty saved.

In Turin, the Juventus captain, Roberto Baggio, kept his team in contention for the final with two magnificent second-half goals. Juventus were trailing 1-0 when, in the 55th minute, Baggio drilled a 20-yard shot past the Paris goalkeeper, Bernard Lama. In the final minute, he sealed the Italians' victory with a free kick driven in from a similar range.

In the European Cup Winners' Cup, Atlético Madrid, trying to salvage something from an otherwise dismal season, instead suffered another blow with a 2-1 home defeat by Parma in their semi-final first leg. Two goals from Faustino Asprilla, the in-form Colombian international, proved decisive.

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The Times and The Famous Grouse have combined to offer a VIP trip for two to the inaugural Rugby World Cup Sevens in Edinburgh next week as a prize for a special competition.

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SPORTS LETTERS

War against chauvinism in racing goes on

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, Whenever I read (report, April 3) of Jenny Pitman's triumphs with Corbiere and Garrison Savannah and other women's contributions to modern racing, I find it impossible not to throw back my mind nearly 30 years to the great battle waged successfully by the late Florence Nagle against the intransigent male chauvinism and hypocrisy of the then Jockey Club and its Stewards.

In 1966, a Court of Appeal comprising Lord Denning, Lord Justice (later Lord) Salmon and Lord Justice Danckwerts, gave her the green light to carry on suing the Stewards under the seniority of Sir Randle Fielden after a master in chambers and, on appeal, a judge in chambers had each struck out procedurally her claim for the unqualified right to train horses in her own name instead of the ludicrous fiction of only through the subterfuge of her male employees.

The action never went to trial because the Jockey Club was advised wisely to capitulate to the gallant millionairess who, like the Aga Khan, could afford to battle on level financial terms with Portman Square.

She was in line with the great traditions of Mrs Pankhurst's suffragettes and Emily Wilding Davison, who used the 1913 Derby, fatally, to draw public attention to women's rights in the widest social context.

Yet, if I am correct in my belief that there is no memorial to Florence Nagle in racing circles, then the anger Mrs Pitman is reported understandably to have blazed after last week's example of the present Jockey Club's outrageous breach of public trust, and the energies of all other beneficiaries of Florence Nagle's vision, should surely be directed to creating a prestigious memorial race in her honour. Either on Derby day, Grand National non-foul-up day or alongside the King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot.

Its absence to date demonstrates the great paradox of all sport that, alongside the team-spirit idealism, it breeds selfishness and gross ingratitude. The pioneering triumph of this great woman deserves more than a footnote in legal textbooks buried in the Law Reports as Nagle v Fielden /1966/ 2 QB 633;/1966/ 1 AER 689.

Yours faithfully,
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Temple, EC4

Credit for Arsenal

From Mr P. Morris

Sir, The articles today (April 5) by David Miller and Rob Hughes are the latest examples of *The Times*' consistent dislike of the professionalism of Arsenal Football Club.

Nowhere in the world does one see the tendency always to praise the loser and denigrate the winner more than in Britain. Arsenal FC has money, talent, discipline, hunger-to-win, a great tradition and much more, all attributes that lesser clubs should aspire to. Mr Miller refers to the attitude of Sheffield United's followers who indulge in that "contemporary egalitarian attitude of no one else having the right to possess anything they (Sheffield United) cannot afford" but falls firmly into the same trap himself by his petty denigration of the achievement of Sunday's FA Cup semi-final win.

Let's show even-handed support of winners and give credit where it is due.

Yours faithfully,
P. MORRIS,
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Ealing, W5.

From Mr D. N. Dow,

Sir, As a German, I wonder why the Football Association does not ask for one minute's silence in honour of Tofik Bakhramov, the linesman who ruled the ball had crossed the line for England's third goal in the 1966 World Cup final at Wembley and who died recently (report, March 27). He did more than anyone for English football in the last 100 years.

Yours faithfully,
D. N. DOW,
Seagull, Wessex Avenue,
Bognor Regis.

Counties' support for four-day matches

From the Cricket Secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board

Sir, I must take issue with Paul Newton, who stated (Sports Letters, April 1) that the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) had "heavy-rollered" an all four-day Britannic Assurance Championship programme past the "manifestly reluctant counties" and also that there had been a deliberate policy to "enervate and asphyxiate" the pitches on which county cricket was played.

Mr Newton refers to the TCCB as if it were some sort of organisation separate from the counties. The TCCB is the counties (plus, of course, MCC and the Minor Counties Cricket Association). It is the counties who elect the sub-committees that make recommendations to the Board and it is the counties who vote on those recommendations.

The Murray working party's proposals relating to all four of the Board's domestic competitions were voted on as a complete package in May 1992. However, it has become clear that, had the proposal to introduce an all four-day championship programme been considered in isolation, it would have been supported virtually nem con. Hardly a case of using the "heavy roller".

I would also point out that there is not and never has been (as Mr Newton suggests) a TCCB directive to counties to prepare pitches that neither seam nor turn. The policy of the Board is to encourage groundsmen to prepare pitches that give some assistance to all the different skills of the game and the Board's pitches committee has taken a number of initiatives in recent seasons to encourage spin bowlers in particular. The only type of pitch that is "outlawed" (to use Mr Newton's own phrase) is one that is neither properly prepared nor suitable for first-class cricket. Not an inappropriate proviso, surely, for a first-class game and certainly not one designed to asphyxiate or enervate.

Yours faithfully,
TIM LAMB,
Cricket Secretary,
Test and County Cricket Board,
Lord's Ground, NW8

From Mr A. Thomas

Sir, With the seemingly endless and virtually meaningless one-day cricket internationals being played continuously with three or even four series per country during the course of a year, is it not time that the International Cricket Council considered instituting a world Test match competition. Organised on either a league or knock-out basis, the time scale could be as little as two years. For simplification, the nine Test-playing countries could be reduced to eight by the weaker sides — England, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe — combining to produce one team.

Yours faithfully,
ARNOLD THOMAS,
Church House,
Slindon, Arundel,
West Sussex.

Prime example

From Mr Henry Button

Sir, Christopher Baillieu wrote (Sports Letters, April 1) that "no members of either crew may become cabinet ministers". It was not always so. William Henry Waddington (1826-1894), a scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, rowed in the Cambridge boat in 1848 and was Prime Minister of France from February to December in 1879.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY BUTTON,
7, Amhurst Court,
Grange Road, Cambridge.

From Mr F. D. Heyer,

Sir, I imagine your third leader writer (leading article, March 29) must be too young to have remembered the Thirties, when Cambridge won the Boat Race for ten consecutive years. An amusing diagram appeared in *Punch* to show how Oxford might be enabled to win. A canal was to be dug straight through for Oxford to row on, while Cambridge had to row the full course and stop at both breweries for a drink. So these races seem to go in cycles.

Yours faithfully,
F. D. HEYER,
4, East Terrace,
Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

From Mr E. M. Hall,

Sir, I agree with Chris Baillieu (Sports Letters, April 1) that rowing reflects many of the skills and attitudes that we will require if we are to succeed in a competitive world: Words to the same effect were spoken by Virginia Bottomley, herself an oarswoman and daughter of an oarsman, when she addressed us on Ladies Night at Leander Club on February 20 this year.

Also, at Henley Royal Regatta in 1991, the retired senior tutor of an Oxford college said to me: "I did not row, but I had a high regard for rowing men. They were always employable."

As to rowing's being "an absurd form of locomotion" (leading article, March 29) the absurdity is certainly no greater than that of knocking a small ball all over the countryside with a variety of sticks in order to drop it into sunken flowerpots.

Yours faithfully,
E. M. HALL,
6, Fair Mile,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.

Drug problem

From Sir Arthur Gold

Sir, The announcement (report, March 31) that Katrin Krabbe's four-year suspension for alleged drug abuse has been reduced to one year is both intriguing and puzzling.

The current International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) period of disqualification is four years for steroid and similar abuse but only three months for stimulant abuse. The period of one year promulgated by the German Athletic Federation would seem to suggest their appeals panel considers clenbuterol more than a stimulant but less than a steroid.

Yours faithfully,
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

MARQUESAN

(b) One of the Polynesian aborigines of the Marquesas Islands; also, the language spoken by them, from the *Marquesas Islands* in the Pacific. "Eight or ten nuts (commonly known as the candlenut, from their emitting a bright flame, and being used by Marquesans as a substitute for candles) are strung on a piece of reed."

SIMBA

(c) A lion, also, figuratively a warrior or leader, from the Swahili word: "In battle, the simbas had to walk straight forward, and keep their eyes to the front to avoid loss of invulnerability."

CHALONE

(b) An internal secretion that reduces or inhibits the action of certain organs and tissues, adaptation of the Greek *chalōn*, present participle of *chalaō* I slacken, after *hormone*: "Hormones, which stimulate organs and tissues to greater activity; others are called chalones, which put on a brake."

PIFFER

(c) A member of the Punjab Frontier Force (a military unit raised in 1849 and employed especially to police the North-West Frontier of India during British rule) or of one of the regiments that succeeded it, from the initials of the name of the force: "The Guides, the Punjab Frontier Force (Piffers), the Sikhs and the Gurkhas, would have allowed no affectations of superiority from any British regiment, household or line."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The rickety white edifice crumbled after 1 ... Rxc2+! 2 Kxc2 Bb3+! 3 Rxb3 (3 Kxb3 Qxd1+) 3 ... Qxd1+ 4 Kxd1 f1/Q+ and 5 ... Qxf4.

Failings in technique are exposed by French

England Schools 9
France Schools..... 22

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

IF ENGLAND'S senior side has declined from grand slam grace this season, the school boys have descended even further. Last season saw a junior grand slam at 18-group level, but now England schools are staring at a whitewash, followed by a summer tour to New Zealand of all places.

Yesterday's defeat at a wet and windy Camborne by two goals, a try and a dropped goal to three penalties was the third this year, following defeats by Wales and Scotland. Now only Ireland remain and the prospects in Belfast next Wednesday for a side who are admittedly afflicted by injury are not good.

However, just as England's senior A side have sustained their victorious form so, at their end of the game, have England Colts, who have beaten Italy and Wales and play Scotland at Kelvinside on Saturday. To a degree schools and colts overlap (six of Saturday's colts XV won schools caps last season) and the complaints, not surprisingly, remain the same.

There is an absence of basic skills that a few national squad weekends cannot cure. "The raw material is there," Ian Darnell, chairman of the colts' selectors said. "But it may only appear as late as 15 or 16, perhaps from other sports, and the learning curve is very abrupt. A lot of development work has to take place."

The situation for the schools should be better since the boys have the chance to play three or four times a week at their individual establishments, but it is not.

"We are still having to teach basics, such as tackling, body positions, where to stand at the lineout, where the feet go at scrums," Ron Temnick, the Rugby Football Union's youth technical director, said. "At 19 you should not be telling players how to maul, it should be second nature."

At Camborne it was not and there were echoes of the five nations' championship match against France at Twickenham in January in the two tries which gave the French boys such a valuable early platform. The first came direct from a penalty kick at goal which fell short, the second from a diagonal kick to the wing. In neither case did the defence challenge for the ball and the result was tries for Nadau, the determined French wing.

But in every phase the French were more eager for the ball and England did not have a dominant set-piece on which to fall back. They were beaten at the lineout, the one area of the side that has remained unchanged, and the scrum was under severe pressure. The consequence for England was slow possession and limited opportunity for a midfield which, in a scoreless second half, showed occasional flashes of good form.

Ashforth's goal-kicking kept England in touch and technical infringements inhibited the French. But England found various ways of conceding the ball which contributed to Peclier's scores — the first a dropped goal behind an England lineout, the second a try after a kick and chase over 70 metres.

SCORERS: England Schools: Penalties: Ashforth (3). French Schools: Tries: Nadau (2), Peclier. Conversions: Bordesoule, Viars. Dropped goal: Peclier.

ENGLAND 18 GROUP: R Ashforth (Bradford GS); T Morgan (Clifton), M Denney (Bedford Modern, captain), A Blyth (Rugby), T Beim (Cheltenham), S Bhima (Bradford GS), D Mellone (Shamebrook); A Cockerill (Hurstpierpoint), C Dawson-Walker (Worth), D Bell (Colstons), S Wade (Aredale and Wharfdale), D Bailey (Widnes Sixth Form College), R Fidler (Cheltenham), G Mitchell (Haileybury), M Brookes (Trent).

FRANCE 18 GROUP: J-F Viars; N Nadau, J-M Souvergie, G Bordesoule, B Ribes; A Peclier, L Ardineu; X Audu, J-M Bertrand, A Da Silva (rep: W Begane), N Godignon (rep; F Martinez), M. Macurdy, C Bergez, R Jechoux (captain), D Gobin.
Referee: C Thomas (Wales).

Worried Bird flies out for harsh Test series

DICKIE Bird heads for Trinidad this weekend with a key role in the unofficial world championship of Test cricket. The Yorkshireman, who has taken charge of more big matches than any other umpire, admits: "I'm worrying about it already."

West Indies and Pakistan, both of whom requested Bird officiate at the potentially-explosive three-Test series, will be delighted to hear he is worried. They know from that Bird is never happy unless he is fretting about something — but once he dons his white coat and white hat he will be ready to tackle whatever the game can throw at him.

"It's in my nature to worry," he said. "West Indies and Pakistan are the two best teams around and everyone will look at this series as a championship decider. There are bound to be flashpoints during the course of three games, but I'll just try to handle these matches as I have all the others. I've always got on well with the two teams, which helps."

Bird's mission promises to be physically as well as mentally demanding. The three Tests — in Trinidad, Barbados and Antigua — are virtually back to back and he is due to stand on all 15 days, with the West Indian umpires Steve Bucknor and Lloyd Barker alternating at the other end.

The first match of the series will be his 51st Test — three more than former record holder Frank Chester.

Dedication and records set Scudamore apart



Champion farewell: Scudamore gains his final big-race triumph on Granville Again in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham last month. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Julian Muscat reflects on the unparalleled career of Peter Scudamore, who retired yesterday with eight titles to his credit

There was never much doubt Peter Scudamore was destined to take to the saddle. What could not have been foreseen, however, was the collection of records he would accumulate in his 15-year career.

The total of 1,677 victories, the last of which came on Sweet Duke at Ascot yesterday, makes him the most successful jump jockey in history, far eclipsing the previous best of 1,138 accrued by Stan Mellor.

Scudamore has been champion every season since 1985-6. Six years ago he predicted he would retire at 35, the birthday he will celebrate on June 13.

These statistics, impressive as they may be, will serve to enlighten future generations only of his prowess. Yet it is Scudamore's fierce determination and winning instinct that sustain the memory.

Within three years of turning professional, Scudamore had shared the title with John Francome. The latter's guile and finesse served as a guiding light to the youngster desperate to assume Francome's mantle as the nation's leading rider.

Scudamore took an interest in racing from his formative years. Aged eight, he saw the conclusion of his father's riding days after a bad fall at Wolverhampton.

Michael Scudamore, while never champion, rode Oxo to victory in the 1959 Grand National, a prize treasured above all others by Scudamore Jr but one that would elude him. He also missed out on other championship races, notably the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the King George VI Chase at Kempton.

From the outset, Scudamore never doubted his own ability. The early chapters in his professional life brought unwarranted attention for over-zealous use of the whip but this amounted to no more than manifestation of his ambition. His style remained forceful as he worked on the rudiments with David Nicholson, for whom he rode when turning professional in 1979.

Nicholson's father, Frenchie, was a renowned tutor of young riders and now his son is maintaining that tradition. Nicholson can reflect today not just on his pivotal role in Scudamore's career, but that of Richard Dunwoody, the champion-elect, who joined Nicholson when Scudamore transferred his allegiance to Fred Winter's stable in 1986. Soon after, however, in a fall at home, Winter sustained injuries that confined him to a wheelchair.

The stable's strength dwindled and the stable jockey, eager to capitalise on his status as heir to the now-retired Francome, joined the rapidly developing stable of Martin Pipe.

The alliance went on to unparalleled success, each inspiring the other to yet higher standards of professionalism. The quest for all-out victory is best illustrated by Scudamore's strike-rate in the 1991-2 season, when one in three of his rides was a winner. Three seasons earlier, he had become the first to break the 200-barrier.

Scudamore rode his first winner at the Cheltenham festival, Solar Cloud, only seven years ago. Since then his many big-race triumphs have included the Champion Hurdle twice — on Celtic Shot, trained by Charlie Brooks, in 1988, and the Pipe-trained Granville Again last month.

Intense concentration marked Scudamore out when maturity knocked the rough edges off the bravado of youth. Some jockeys found him overburdened by it but he made no apologies. More often than not, he had entered into deep, pre-race analysis, and would gain considerable advantage by anticipating how a race might unfold. Champion eight times, he also campaigned selflessly in his role as vice-president of the Jockeys' Association, particularly in its opposition to the introduction of restrictive guidelines on use of the whip.

Ultimately, Scudamore's professionalism would not allow him to carry on. He had recently admitted that he gave less than his best at Uttoxeter. It is to his credit he accepted the inevitable on his own terms, rather than from the back of an ambulance.

His riding skills earned him widespread respect in a rough-and-tumble world, racing. But, perhaps, those who will miss Peter Scudamore, MBE, most will be the regular punters, who recognised his never-say-die attitude to race-riding. He retires to a future within the sport with a reputation beyond reproach.



Racing stock: his father's National triumph on Oxo helped to inspire a riding career



Carving a future: Scudamore shows his affinity with creatures great and small

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: California Angels 3, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Chicago White Sox 10, Minnesota Twins 5; Seattle Mariners 8, Toronto Blue Jays 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 1, Atlanta Braves 0, Pittsburgh Pirates 9, San Diego Padres 4; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Houston Astros 3; San Francisco Giants 2, St Louis Cardinals 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Florida Marlins 2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Indiana Pacers 98, New Jersey Nets 85; Orlando Magic 116, Philadelphia 76ers 90; Atlanta Hawks 109, New York Knicks 104 (OT); Cleveland Cavaliers 115, Miami Heat 100; Houston Rockets 114, Los Angeles Clippers 101; Milwaukee Bucks 113, Chicago Bulls 109; Golden State Warriors 125, San Antonio Spurs 111; Detroit Pistons 91, Washington Bullets 79; Dallas Mavericks 109, Seattle Supersonics 107, Portland Trail Blazers 110, Utah Jazz 86; Phoenix Suns 115, Los Angeles Lakers 114; Sacramento Kings 101, Denver Nuggets 100.

BOWLS

ELY: International Masters: W Richards bt M Elding, 8-4, 8-6; M King bt R Hart, 6-9, 9-2, 9-8; M Price bt P Vamvacopoulos, 9-5, 2-9, 9-4; D J Bryant bt M Entwistle, 9-3, 9-7; G Harlow bt D Easy, 8-9, 9-0, 9-5; I McWhinney bt W Hobart, 9-7, 3-9, 9-8; G Coles bt J Redmall, 9-8, 9-8; H Duff bt J Newson, 9-3, 9-5. Quarter-finals: Richards bt King, 9-3, 9-3; Price bt Bryant, 3-9, 9-5, 9-8; Duff bt Coles, 9-4, 9-3; Harlow bt McWhinney, 5-9, 9-7, 9-2; Richards bt Price, 9-2, 4-9, 9-8; Harlow bt Duff, 9-8, 9-7.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New York Islanders 3, Washington Capitals 2; St Louis Blues 2, Tampa Bay Lightning 2; Boston Bruins 7, Quebec Nordiques 1; Minnesota North Stars 3, Buffalo Sabres 1; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Winnipeg Jets 2; San Jose Sharks 5, Edmonton Oilers 2; Calgary Flames 3, Los Angeles Kings 3.

FOOTBALL

Late results on Wednesday

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Atlético Madrid 2, Parma 1.

UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Borussia Dortmund 2, Auxerre 0; Juventus 2, Paris St Germain 1.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Ipswich Town 1, Chelsea 0; Middlesbrough 1, Arsenal 0; Sheffield United 2, Leeds United 1.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham City 1, Derby County 1; Brentford 1, Sunderland 1; Bristol City 2, Bristol Rovers 1; Cambridge United 3, Notts County 0; Charlton Athletic 3, Watford 1; Grimsby Town 1, Millwall 0; Portsmouth 4, Peterborough United 0; Tranmere Rovers 3, Swindon Town 1. Second division: Blackpool 2, Wigan Athletic 1; Bolton Wanderers 2, Stockport County 1; Bournemouth 1, Bradford City 1; Exeter City 1, Hull City 1; Leyton Orient 3, Burnley 2; Port Vale 2, Preston North End 2; Rotherham United 1, Fulham 1. Third division: Cardiff City 1, Doncaster Rovers 1; Chesterfield 1, York City 1; Crewe Alexandra 4, Carlisle United 0; Darlington 1, Walsall 2; Gillingham 1, Shrewsbury Town 0; Hereford United 2, Scunthorpe United 2; Northampton Town 1, Bury 0; Rochdale 0, Barnet 1; Scarborough 1, Wrexham 1; Torquay United 2, Colchester United 2.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 4, Telford 1; Bromsgrove 3, Gateshead 0; Dagenham and Redbridge 6, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Northwich 1, Stafford 2; Stalybridge 2, Farnborough 0; Wycombe 0, Woking 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic 4, Airdrieonians 0; Hibernian 2, St Johnstone 2.

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Coventry 2, West Bromwich 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Manchester United 1, Millwall 2.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorley 1, Barrow 1; Marine 2, Emley 0. First division: Radcliffe 1, Knowsley 1. Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Bridlington 2, Great Harwood 2.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 1, Hayes 1: Hendon 1, Carshalton 2; Kingstonian 1, Grays 0; Yeading 0, Marlow 0. First division: Heybridge 2, Molesey 1; Leyton 0, Dorking 2, Wembley 3, Abingdon Town 2. Second division: Banstead 2, Ware 2; Egham 0, Malden Vale 2. Third division: Kingsbury 0, East Thurrock 4; Petersfield 1, Epsom and Ewell 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 2, VS Rugby 0; Southern division: Ashford 2, Buckingham 2; Fisher 2, Salisbury 2; Newport IoW 1, Sudbury 2. Midland division: Bilston 1, Bedworth 2; Forest Green 4, Sutton Coldfield 1; Leicester United 3, Gresley 2; Nuneaton 1, Weston-super-Mare 2; RC Warwick 0, Bridgnorth 2; Tamworth 3, King's Lynn 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon 0, Southampton 1. Second division: Yeovil 1, Birmingham 2.

EAST ANGLIAN CUP: Sawbridgeworth 1, Bishop's Stortford 3.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: The Bar 2, Law Society 1 (S Kvarndal and D Read (Bar) bt N Cooper and R Fleck 15-8, 15-9, 16-15; R Sutton bt J Zawoda-Martin (Bar) 15-9; Zawoda-Martin (Bar) bt Cooper 15-11).

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: The Bar 2½, Law Society 1½ (R Hollington and S Kvarndal (Bar) bt S Soyer and R Swallow 6-5, J Zawoda-Martin and J Vallat (Bar) bt B Ellis and C Cleaver 6-3; Ellis and Swallow bt Kvarndal and Vallat (Bar) 6-3, R Bray and Hollington (Bar) halved with D Read and Soyer, 6-4, 2-6.

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Swansea 32, Newport 16.

CLUB MATCHES: Lydney 25, Clifton 10; Northampton 35, Metropolitan Police 10.

SNOOKER

PLYMOUTH: Sky Sports Open: Fourth round: P Ebdon (Eng) bt M Price (Eng), 5-4; P Davies (Wales) bt E Charlton (Aus), 5-3.

Fifth round: K Doherty (Ire) bt D Walker (Eng), 5-1; P Davies (Wales) bt J Ferguson (Eng), 5-1; N Bond (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 5-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt P Ebdon (Eng), 5-4.

SQUASH

TOURS: French Open: First round: S Meads (Eng) bt J Williams (Aus), 15-4, 13-15, 17-15, 12-15, 17-16; T Hands (Eng) bt S Baker (Aus), 15-17, 15-5, 15-11, 7-15, 15-11; C Rowland (Aus) bt S Parke (Eng), 15-9, 15-12, 15-11; C Dittmar (Aus) bt P Nicol (Scot); 15-11, 15-7, 17-15; J Bonatat (Fr) bt C van der Walt (SA), 13-15, 15-7, 15-8, 15-14; R Norman (NZ) bt T Greser (GER), 15-10, 15-12, 15-12; H Wiens (Ger) bt J Crombie (Can), 15-8, 15-9, 15-5; A Faheem Khan (HK) bt S Butt (Can), 15-5, 8-15, 15-9, 15-13; R Eyles (Aus) bt F Usandizaga (Arg), 15-12, 15-10, 15-11.

TENNIS

TOKYO: Japan Open: Singles: Second round: Men: J Courier (US) bt M Damm (Cz Rep), 7-6, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt J Cunha-Silva (Port), 6-4, 6-2; A Volkov (Russ) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; D Rich (US) bt B Steven (NZ), 6-3, 6-2; D Vacek (Cz Rep) bt K Carlsen (Den), 7-6, 7-5; N Borwick (Aus) bt K Jones (US), 6-1, 6-4; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt M Chang (US), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; J Siemerink (Holl) bt H Kaneko (Japan), 6-2, 6-3, A Mronsdorf (Ger) bt C Van Rensburg (SA), 6-1, 5-7, 7-5; H Holm (Swe) bt A O'Brien (US), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-4, 6-4; 1; G Raoux (Fr) bt S Simian (Fr), 6-1, 6-1; J Stark (US) bt A Cherkasov (Rus), 6-4, 6-1; D Wheaton (US) bt R Weiss (US), 6-1, 5-7, 7-6.

Women: K Date (Japan) bt Fang Li (China), 6-0, 6-0; P Shriver (US) bt A Henrikssson (US), 6-1, retired, S Rottier (Holl) bt M Miyauchi (Japan), 7-6, 6-2; P Fendick (US) (5), bt Y Basuki (Indo), 6-1, 6-2; M Oremans (Holl) bt K Nagasiuka (Japan), 6-7, 6-0, 7-5; N Provis (Aus) bt Al S (Japan), 6-4, 6-0; M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) bt S Appelmans (Bel), (4), 6-2, 6-2; M Endo (Japan) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan), 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4.

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): K Rinaldi bt S Frankl (Ger), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; F Labat (Arg) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 3-6, 6-2, 6-0; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt C Papadaki (Gr), 1-6, 7-5, 6-1; T Ignatieva (Russ) bt M Bollegraf (Holl), 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; A Gavaldon (Mex) bt A Vieira (Br), 6-2, 7-6; V Martinek (Cz Rep) bt M Drake (Can), 6-2, 6-1; G Helgason bt S Cacic, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Second round: L McNeil bt F Bonsignori (It), 6-3, 7-5; L Meskhi (Russ) bt C Rubin, 6-4, 6-1; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt F Perfetti (It), 6-1, 6-2; L Davenport bt C Kuhlman, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3; S Stafford bt R Bobkova (Cz Rep), 6-2, 6-4; A Coetzer (SA) bt N Ercegovic (Cro), 7-5, 6-3; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt A Fusai (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; N Zvereva (Belarus) bt B Fulco-Vitella (Arg), 6-2, 6-4; G Sabatini (Arg) bt J Kruger (SA), 6-1, 6-2.

BARCELONA: Spanish Open: (Spanish unless stated): Second round: J Sanchez Vicario bt J Altur, 6-3, 6-2; M Gustafson (Swe) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-0, 6-3; J Arrese bt R Carretero, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt B Wuys (Bel), 6-3 6-3; I Lendl bt M Naewie (Ger), 6-3, 6-3, R Gilbert (Fr) bt M Gostiner (Ger), 6-4, 1-6, 7-5; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt F Clavet, 7-5, 7-6; S Bruguera bt J Burillo, 7-6, 6-2; R Furlan (It) bt E Sanchez Vicario, 7-5, 7-5

MEN'S ATP RANKINGS: Men: Leading positions: 1, J Courier (US), 3,629 points; 2, P Sampras (US), 3,555; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 3,054; 4, B Becker (Ger), 2,680; 5, P Korda (Cz Rep), 2,452; 6, G Ivanisevic (Cro), 2,294; 7, A Agassi (US), 2,178; 8, M Chang (US), 1,979; 9, I Lendl (US), 1,976; 10, M Stich (Ger), 1,828; 11, R Krajicek (Holl), 1,613; 12, M Washington (US), 1,592; 13, K Novacek (Cz. Rep), 1,571; 14, W Ferreira (SA), 1,594; 15, T Muster (Austria), 1,536; 16, G Forget (Fr), 1,519; 17, S Bruguera (Sp), 1,462. 18, C Costa (Sp), 1,427; 19, A Medvedev (Ukr), 1,414; 20, A Volkov (Russ), 1,308; 21, H Holm (Swe), 1,297; 22, M Woodforde (Aus), 1,241; 23, A Boetsch (Fr), 1,145; 24, F Santoro (Fr), 1,091; 25, M Rosset (Switz), 1,031.

WOMEN'S WTA RANKINGS: Leading positions: 1, M Seles (Yugo), 321.1114 points; 2, S Graf (Ger), 269.5111; 3, A Sanchez Vicario (Sp), 204.9548; 4, M Navratilova (US), 195.2940; 5, G Sabatini (Arg), 189.8028; 6, J Capriati (US), 121.5342; 7, M J Fernandez (US), 118.6983; 8, C Martinez (Sp), 108.2749; 9, J Novotna (Cz Rep), 92.3375; 10, A Huber (Ger), 75.5936; 11, M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz), 72.2420; 12, N Tauziat (Fr), 64.0183; 13, M Maleeva (Bul), 61.1867; 14, H Sukova (Cz Rep), 60.8131; 15, A Coetzer (SA), 60.7944; 16, K Maleeva (Bul), 60.5653; 17, M Pierce (Fr), 60.4167; 18, Z Garrison-Jackson (US), 56.5168; 19, K Date (Japan), 54.2930; 20, L McNeil (US), 52.8313; 21, S Hack (Ger), 50.8429; 22, J Halard (Fr), 48.8611; 23, N Zvereva (Bel), 48.4444; 24, J Wiesner (Austria), 45.7500; 25, N Sawamatsu (Japan), 44.2306.

YACHTING

LAKE BALA: RYA Youth championships: 420 (boys): First race: 1, R Lowering and S Hughes; 2, R Wilson and D Mason; 3, I Jameson and G Stewart. Second race: 1, I Jameson and G Stewart; 2, R Wilson and D Mason; 3, D Lenz and M Pullam. 420 (girls): First race: 1, S Nuttall and S Cuthbert; 2, H Lucas and T Roberts; 3, S Taylor and P Williams. Second race: 1, S Nuttall and S Cuthbert; 2, D Thomas and A Clarke; 3, J Cuthbert and C Edwards. Laser (boys): First race: 1, A Coates; 2, R Sydenham; 3, B Alnslie. Second race: 1, B Ainsley; 2, I Percy; 3, J Lowbridge. Laser (radial rig): First race: 1, P Mountford; 2, P Wilkin; 3, J Elliott. Second race: 1, P Wilkin; 2, E Wright; 3, J Elliott.

GOLF

WEST HILL GOLF CLUB: Father and son foursomes: Second round: A and J Sparrow (Lytham Green Drive) bt W and D Wood (Weston Heath), 20th hole, E D and D Bond (Wentworth) bt H A and T Mote (West Sussex), 21st hole; O and R Logan (Hankley Common) bt J A and P Murphy (Swalmorlie/Uphook) bt D and H Holland (Sunningdale), 1 hole; J T Green and J Homan-Green (RAC Country) bt J C and P Murphy/O'Connor (Denham), 3 and 2;

O and R Logan (Hankley Common) bt E D and D Bond (Wentworth), 3 and 2; M J and R Hargreaves (Rowlands Castle) bt C H and M Beamish (Woodhall Spa/Denham) 7 and 6; B and I White (Hadley Wood/South Herts) bt G A and G Howl (West Sussex), 1 hole; B J and R Groce (Pinner Hill) bt P W S and G Hughes; 2, R Wilson and D Mason; 3, I Jameson and G Stewart. Second race: 1, I Jameson and G Stewart; 2, R Wilson and D Mason; 3, D Lenz and M Pullam. 420 (girls): First race: 1, S Nuttall and S Cuthbert; 2, H Lucas and T Roberts; 3, S Taylor and P Williams. Second race: 1, S Nuttall and S Cuthbert; 2, D Thomas and A Clarke; 3, J Cuthbert and C Edwards. Laser (boys): First race: 1, A Coates; 2, R Sydenham; 3, B Alnslie. Second race: 1, B Ainsley; 2, I Percy; 3, J Lowbridge. Laser (radial rig): First race: 1, P Mountford; 2, P Wilkin; 3, J Elliott. Second race: 1, P Wilkin; 2, E Wright; 3, J Elliott.

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Third round: D H and C Ramsay (Berkhamsted) bt D C and J Dixon (Navy/R Ashdown Forest), 6 and 5; R A and D Wood (Wildernesse/Howll) bt B J and G Taylor (Thorpe Hall), 4 and 3; G N and M Batt-Rawden (Haywards Heath/West Hill) bt R W and N Elliot (Littlehampton/Bramley), on 19th hole; P J and S Banks (West Sussex) bt J and D Niven (Newbury and Crookham/R Cinque Ports), on 19th hole; P J M and R Bathurst (Hankley Common) bt J R A and R Bampfield (Oswestry), 3 and 2; R J and D Hill (Worplesdon) bt A and J Sparrow (Lytham Green Drive), 2 and 1; V F and M Davis (Wyke Green/Sudbury) bt I and R Langmead (Bognor), 4 and 3; J F and S Murphy (Woking/Saujana Kuala Lumpur) bt D C and M Burridge (Ealing), 1 hole; J N and C Gems (Malden) bt N and P Chesworth (West Hill), 3 and 2; P E and D Story (Mullion/Liphook) bt D and H Holland (Sunningdale), 1 hole; J T Green and J Homan-Green (RAC Country) bt J C and P Murphy/O'Connor (Denham), 3 and 2;

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow
ITALY							
Bormio	0	140	good	closed	cloudy	4	24/3
(All runs at resort level closed. Firm snow on upper runs)							
Courmayeur	30	150	new snow	fair	snow	6	7/4
(Rain falling on lower runs. Visibility poor on upper runs)							
Livigno	20	100	new	fair	snow	0	7/4
(Best snow on upper. Extensive ski area, 80kms of runs open)							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	30	120	new	new	snow	0	7/4
(Slopes being groomed. Fresh snow on hard base at all levels)							
Crans Montana	0	230	good	closed	rain	5	4/4
(Spring skiing at mid-station. Thin cover, wet snow on lower runs)							
Klosters	25	240	new	thin	snow	2	7/4
(Fresh powder snow and good conditions above mid-station)							
Zermatt	40	230	fresh	some	snow	0	7/4
(Runs above mid-station closed due to grooming. 23 lifts open)							
UNITED STATES							
Jackson Hole	65	230	good	open	cloudy	6	31/3
(Spring snow on most trails. Entire area open)							
Mammoth	210	550	fresh	open	cloudy	3	6/4
(Excellent skiing on groomed snow. 27 of 33 lifts open)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	20	240	good	open	cloudy	5	4/4
(Spring snow above mid-station. Many lower runs closed)							
Flaine	10	260	variable	open	rain	6	4/4
(Snow depths diminishing. Spring snow on all runs)							
Meribel	25	200	good	open	snow	7	7/4
(Rain falling below 1,700m. 65% of ski area open)							
Risoul	60	120	variable	open	cloudy	7	4/4
(Spring snow on all runs am. Cross-country trails closed)							

Information supplied by Ski Hotline

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Notts Forest v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0); Notts County v Blackburn (7.30). Second division: Middlesbrough v Everton (7.0), Oldham v Derby (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Watford (7.15), Bristol City v Luton (7.30); Norwich v Ipswich (7.30); Portsmouth v Fulham (7.0); QPR v Tottenham (7.0). Second division: Cardiff v Exeter (2.0).

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Congleton v Warrington (7.30).

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Group A: Shelbourne v Dundalk (7.45). Group B: Waterford v Shamrock (5.0)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Banstead v Leatherhead (7.30). Full Members cup: Third round: Hayes v Grays (7.30).

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Zafonic loses unbeaten record

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

ZAFONIC, last season's champion two-year-old, was surprisingly beaten on his reappearance at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday but remains on course for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 1. It was the first defeat of his career. He failed by a short head against Kingmambo in the Prix Djebel, a listed race over seven furlongs, with his pacemaker, Kashani, another short head third.

Zafonic was ill-suited by the heavy ground and the muddling pace, and, after Cash Asmussen had got first run on Kingmambo, Eddery was not hard on his mount, never using the whip.

Despite the defeat, trainer Andre Fabre confirmed that Zafonic will run next in the Guineas. Eddery said: "I was easy on the horse, this was not the Guineas. It was a funny race with the pace changing all the time. He was fresh, pulling hard early and he will improve a lot for the race.

"He also hated the ground. You can never be confident about a classic, but I remain hopeful about his chance in the Guineas."

Kingmambo tracked Kashani, who remained clear, with Zafonic pulling hard in third. Kingmambo overtook Kashani passing the furlong pole, and though Zafonic had only half a length to make up, he was unable to quicken in his customary fashion.

The stewards spoke to Eddery about his tender handling of the 10-1 on favourite but accepted his explanation. The ground was particualrly heavy, and with Kashani, whose only other start was when narrowly winning an ordinary maiden on this track in November, finishing close up, the form of the race looks unreliable.

François Boutin, the trainer of Kingmambo, said: "Kingmambo is likely to run next in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains [French 1,000 Guineas]."

Bookmaker reaction was mixed. Ladbrokes eased Zafonic to 2-1 Guineas favourite, from 4-5, while William Hill offer 7-4. But Coral withdrew Zafonic from the list, believing his owner, Khaled Abdulla, has other strings to his bow, notably Armiger (quoted at 10-1), and Placerville and Wharf (both 12-1). Barathea is their new 5-1 favourite.

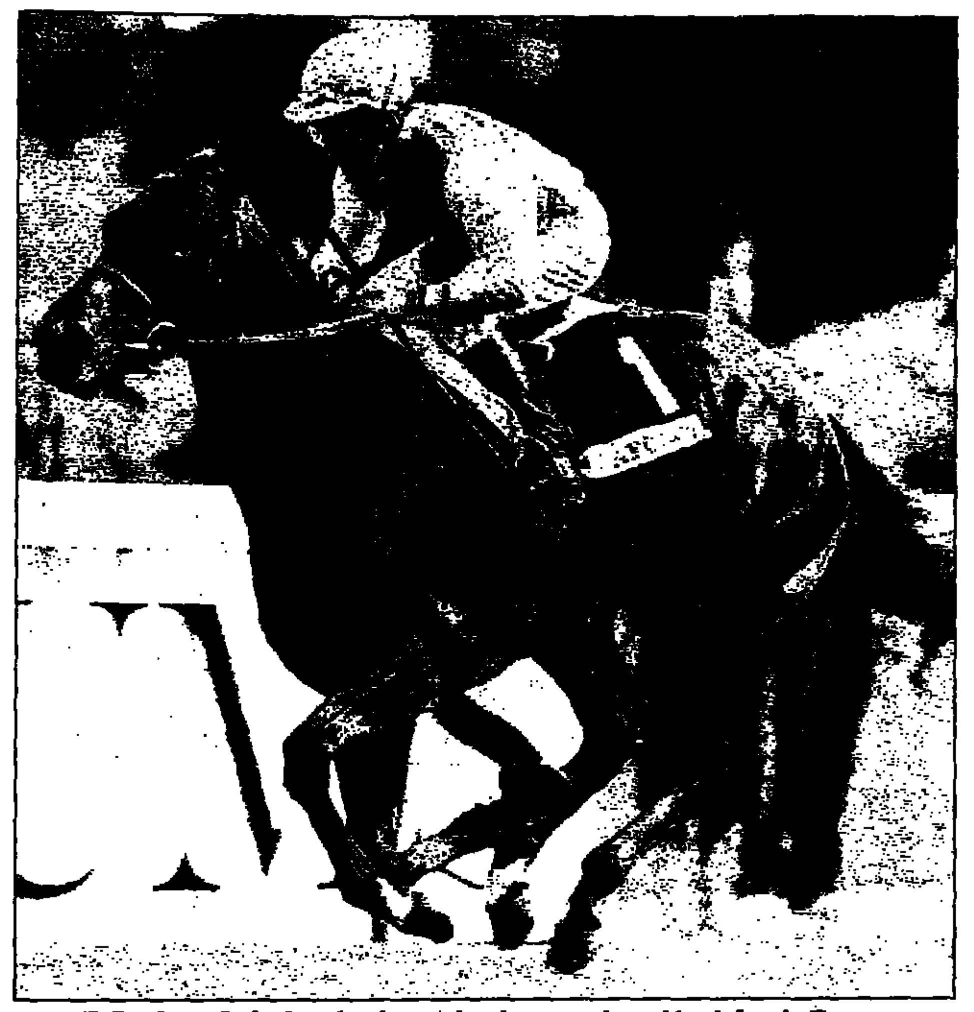
On a disappointing day for Fabre, Elizabeth Bay, the trainer's principal hope for the 1,000 Guineas, also suffered a surprise defeat. She was beaten two lengths by Wixon, who completed a fine double for Asmussen and Boutin, in the listed Prix Imprudence.

However, Elizabeth Bay was hampered when the leader Love For Ever dropped back sharply with a quarter of a mile to race. She then had to be switched wide and, despite finishing well, was never able to get back on terms with the winner. She will probably still make the Guineas line-up, though Fabre will talk with her owner, Shaikh Mohammed, before making any firm plans.

Wixon holds a 1,000 Guineas entry. "If I am to have a runner in either of the English Guineas it will be Wixon in the 1,000," Boutin said.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ABBEY'S GAL
(4.00 Brighton)
Next best: Shalou
(2.00 Brighton)



Fallen hero: Zafonic's classic case has been weakened by defeat in France

MAISONS-LAFFITTE RESULTS

2.25 Prix Djebel (Listed race: 3-Y-O colts: £14,337: 7f)
1, Kingmambo (C Asmussen); 2, Zafonic (Pat Eddery); 3, Kashani (T Jamet). 4 ran. F Boutin. Sh hd, sh hd, 8l. Tote (inc 1fr stake): 5.20; 1.10, 1.10. SF: 12.30. 1min 28.7sec.

2.55 Prix Imprudence (Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £14,337: 7f)
1, Wixon (C Asmussen); 2, Elizabeth Bay (T Jamet); 3, Miss Elodie (T Gillet). 5 ran. F Boutin. 2l, 1l, ¾l. Tote (inc 1fr stake): 3.30; 1.10, 1.10. SF 5.70. 1min 31.9sec.

Flag men will have radio link

A RADIO link between the starter and his flag man is among a series of measures introduced yesterday aimed at preventing a repeat of the Grand National fiasco.

Following consultation with the Racecourse Association and the Jockeys' Association, the Jockey Club announced a package designed to improve start and recall procedures.

In addition to being provided with a radio, the advance flag man will wear a white coat to distinguish him from other racecourse personnel, such as fencemen and medical staff, who wear bright dayglo jackets. Also, fluorescent flags will be supplied by the Jockey Club to all racecourses by the beginning of next week.

Clerks of the course are to ensure that the advance flagman is fully briefed on his responsibilities, including the use of his radio. The clerks will also ensure that jockeys know how the flagman is to be identified, and the colour of his flag.

The measures, which were implemented at Ascot's fixture yesterday, will continue to operate until the Jockey Club working party investigating the circumstances of the Grand National start makes its recommendations.

Overheard sparkles in Ludlow triumph

BY BRIAN BEEL

THE TIMES RISING STARS

OVERHEARD ran out one of the most impressive winners of the Times Rising Stars series in the final qualifying race at Ludlow yesterday. The prayers of Caroline Saunders were answered when heavy rain turned the going to soft, ideal for Overheard's first race over National Hunt fences.

Previously unbeaten in two point-to-points, one in Ireland last season, the six-year-old has always been highly regarded by Saunders.

Electra Lad, the mount of Ben Pollock, led in the early stages, closely tracked by Foxgrove and Johnny Greenall on Overheard. Bodfari, at the rear of the field, regularly lost ground through erratic jumping.

There was little change in the order until three fences out, where Overheard took over from Electra Lad, who fell. Greenall barely needed to move as he increased his lead, leaving the remainder to fight out the minor placings. Foxgrove won the struggle, taking second by three and a half lengths from Tamar Lass with Guild Street fourth.

The official verdict of eight lengths gives no indication of the true measure of Overheard's authority and Greenall, who lost his 3lb allowance with this success, the 55th of his career, said: "I didn't have to work too hard."

He was quick to pass on the credit for the success to Saunders. As she congratulated him on his riding, he said: "You can't do anything other than win when they are as good as this."

Indeed, Greenall's greatest challenge was in the struggle to reduce his natural weight of 12st 7lb to 11st 9lb to take the ride.

Foxgrove, another making her racecourse debut, pleased her rider, Tom Richards. "We won the confined race at Upton-on-Severn on firm ground so didn't know how he'd handle this."

Although Bodfari was last to finish she at least completed safely on her third attempt in a Times qualifying race. She gave Robert Jones an often hair-raising ride, nearly refusing at the seventh, but it was only in the closing stages that she relinquished her position and dropped out of the chasing pack.

The first three will be entered for the series final at Worcester next Wednesday.

Race details

3.45 (3m ch) 1, OVERHEARD (Mr J Greenall, 5-4 fav); 2, Foxgrove (Mr T Richards, 11-2); 3, Tamar Lass (Mr D Stephens, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Electra Lad (f), Rusty Bridge (5th), 7 Guild Street (4th), 12 Bodfari, 33 Bargain And Sale (6th), 50 Only The Lonely (pu). 9 ran. 8l, 3½l. Miss C Saunders at Northampton. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.40, £4.40. DF: £5.80. CSF: £8.21.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Marzocco. 2.30 Kinema Red. 3.00 Day Of History. 3.30 Cashell. 4.00 **GLEN MILLER** (nap). 4.30 Risky Affair. 5.00 Tutu Sixtysix.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 KINEMA RED.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 KINEMA RED (nap). 3.30 Alyakkh.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F 59YD - 7F 214YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,924: 7f 214yd) (10 runners)

1 (1) 405-510 NATIVE CHEFTAN 12 (C,G) (Mrs S Crowe) S Dow 4-10-0 ... A Martinez (5) 93
2 (6) 10250-3 PRECIOUS WONDER 10 (S) (M Murray) P Butler 4-8-13 ... A Procter 98
3 (3) 000-000 BASSIO 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Darby) C Allen 4-8-1 ... G Forster –
4 (7) 536204- QUICK STEEL 184 (G,S) (Quickstead Ltd) T McGovern 5-8-0 ... S Mulvey (3) 88
5 (9) 3-34550 TAUNTING 14 (B Dixon) M Blanshard 5-7-13 ... S McCarthy (5) 90
6 (10) 825203- MOLLY SPLASH 192 (S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 6-7-12 ... S James (7) 93
7 (2) 40000-2 SHALOU 12 (F) (K Gomm) R Hodges 4-7-12 ... T G McLaughlin [illegible]
8 (4) 2036-34 CHILTERN HUNDREDS 33 (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 3-7-12 ... D McCabe (3) 97
9 (5) 220500- MARZOCCO 16J (CD,F) (C Stewart) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-7-12 ... L Newton 91
10 (8) 0002-43 SIMON ELLIS 23 (B) (D Laing) D Laing 4-7-7 ... D Wright 90

Long handicap: Simon Ellis 7-6.

BETTING: 4-1 Precious Wonder, 9-2 Shalou, 6-1 Chiltern Hundreds, Quick Steel, 8-1 Molly Splash, Native Chieftan, 10-1 Marzocco, Simon Ellis, 12-1 Taunting, 25-1 Bassio.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

NATIVE CHIEFTAN beat Gold Blade neck in 11-runner Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) amateur riders' handicap on penultimate start. PRECIOUS WONDER 2½l 3rd of 10 to Mr Nevermind in Folkestone (7f, good to firm) handicap. QUICK STEEL 8l 2nd of 17 to Millsolin in Wolverhampton (7f, good) handicap.

MOLLY SPLASH 1¾l 3rd of 20 to Almoon in Wolverhampton (1m 4f 110yd, good) seller. SHALOU 2l 2nd of 20 to Silky Siren in Warwick (1m, firm) claimer. CHILTERN HUNDREDS 13½l 4th of 8 to Heart Of Spain in Lingfield (AW, 1m) maiden.
Selection: SHALOU

2.30 PYECOMBE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,465: 1m 1f 209yd) (11 runners)

1 (3) 333365- CONSPICUOUS 182 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 80
2 (7) 60- DESERT CHALLENGER 190 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 ... J Reid 79
3 (4) 4-34333 HALHAM TARN 33 (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 9-0 ... NON-RUNNER –
4 (2) 04- IKHTIRAA 171 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 ... R Price 71
5 (6) 5-2 KINEMA RED 13 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0 ... Paul Eddery [illegible]
6 (9) 3-3 RIVER NORTH 12 (P Savill) Lady Herries 9-0 ... K Darley 87
7 (5) 40323- SAFIR 171 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ... R Hills 80
8 (11) 050-00 SUNBEAM CHARLIE 7 (Ballard (1834) Ltd) A Moore 9-0 ... B Russell (7) 82
9 (10) 5 TOP GUNNER 12 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 ... R Cochrane –
10 (1) 4 TROPICAL JUNGLE 23 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 ... D Biggs 79
11 (8) 060-0 PETITE LOUIE 10 (T Mills) T Mills 8-9 ... N Gwilliams (5) 65

BETTING: 4-5 Kinema Red, 5-1 River North, 6-1 Safir, 7-1 Conspicuous, 12-1 Desert Challenger, 14-1 others.

1992: DESERT ZONE 9-0 A Munro (2-1 fav) P Cole 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CONSPICUOUS 4l 3rd of 7 to After The Last in Chester (7f, good to firm) handicap. KINEMA RED head 2nd of 15 to Macosnol in Doncaster (1m, good to firm) maiden. RIVER NORTH 5¾l 3rd of 10 to Maiority in Doncaster (1m 2f 110yd, firm) maiden. Earlier 2¾l 3rd of 11 to Semillon in Folkestone (7f, soft) maiden with IKHTIRAA 6l 4th.

SUNBEAM CHARLIE 4l 5th. SAFIR 4½l 3rd of 11 to Manaarah in Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm) maiden.
TROPICAL JUNGLE 5¼l 4th of 9 to Mac's Fighter in Lingfield (AW, 1m) claimer with SUNBEAM CHARLIE 14½l 7th.
Selection: KINEMA RED

3.00 OVINGDEAN HANDICAP (£3,318: 1m 3f 196yd) (11 runners)

1 (4) 532626- PRINCE HANNIBAL 198 (CD,F,G) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 6-10-0 ... J Reid 92
2 (1) 05010-4 BUSMAN 10 (C,F) (R Dalton) W Muir 4-9-6 ... T Quinn 96
3 (10) 042430- SARAZAR 20J (D Bicknell) R Akehurst 4-9-1 ... L Carter (7) –
4 (9) 050000/ DON'T GIVE UP 542 (C,F) (R Collard) R Bennett 5-8-13 ... Paul Eddery –
5 (11) 10060/5 AL SHANY 7 (CD,F,S) (T Mills) T Mills 7-8-6 ... N Gwilliams (5) 89
6 (2) 316-401 VA UTU 9 (D,F,S) (M Quinn) M Channon 5-8-4 (4ex) ... C Rutter 91
7 (5) 563151 ATLANTIC WAY 7 (CD,F,S) (C Hill) C Hill 5-8-2 (4ex) ... J Quinn [illegible]
8 (8) 31516-3 DAY OF HISTORY 12 (D,B,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-1 ... D Biggs 94
9 (3) 3634-00 UP ALL NIGHT 10 (M Low) R Curtis 4-7-11 ... D Wright (7) 95
10 (7) /00364- STATE OF AFFAIRS 65J (F) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 8-7-10 ... S Dawson 89
11 (6) 2100-55 MR WISHING WELL 12 (D,S) (S Dow) S Dow 7-7-8 ... S O'Gorman 98

BETTING: 3-1 Atlantic Way, 9-2 Va Utu, 5-1 Prince Hannibal, 7-1 Busman, Day Of History, 10-1 Sarazar, 12-1 Mr Wishing Well, 14-1 Al Shany, 20-1 Up All Night, 25-1 State Of Affairs, 50-1 Don't Give Up.

1992: SHARP TOP 4-7-11 W Carson (7-2 fav) M Ryan 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCE HANNIBAL 6l 2nd of 7 to Barrish in handicap over course and distance (firm). BUSMAN 7l 4th of 14 to Here He Comes in Folkestone (1m 1f 110yd, good to firm) handicap with UP ALL NIGHT 13l 10th.
SARAZAR 2l 3rd of 7 to Bertone in Roscommon (1m 4f, yielding to soft) maiden. VA UTU beat Rousitto short head in 15-runner Leicester (1m 4f, firm) handicap. ATLANTIC WAY beat The Karaoke King 2½l in 10-runner handicap over course and distance (good) with AL SHANY (4lb better off) 9¾l 5th.
DAY OF HISTORY ¾l 3rd of 6 to La Reine Rouge in Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f) handicap with MR WISHING WELL (1lb worse off) two short heads 5th. STATE OF AFFAIRS 5½l 4th of 16 to Rural Lad in Folkestone (7f, heavy) handicap.
Selection: VA UTU (nap)

3.30 WOODINGDEAN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,377: 7f 214yd) (7 runners)

1 (7) 2- ALYAKKH 153 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ... R Hills 82
2 (4) 000-0 CANADIAN EAGLE 10 (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 73
3 (2) 34302- CASHELL 154 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 ... R Cochrane [illegible]
4 (1) KEEP SAFE (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 ... D Biggs –
5 (3) 4232- PATSY GRIMES 110 (J Grimes) M Muggeridge 8-11 ... K Darley 74
6 (5) RARF (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-11 ... J Reid –
7 (6) 3- SWIFT SPRING 182 (Mrs M Abbib) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn 72

BETTING: 6-4 Alyakkh, 2-1 Cashell, 4-1 Rarf, 5-1 Swift Spring, 20-1 Patsy Grimes, 33-1 Canadian Eagle, Keep Safe.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ALYAKKH short head 2nd of 11 to Easy Access in Doncaster (6f, good) maiden. CASHELL ¾l 2nd of 11 to Marius in Lingfield (7f 110yd, soft) handicap. PATSY GRIMES 4l 2nd of 10 to Persian Gusher in Lingfield (AW, 7f) maiden.

SWIFT SPRING 5¾l 3rd of 5 to Lead Note in Haydock (1m, good to soft) stakes race. RARF is a half-sister by Riverman to 1m/1m4f winner Kesva.
Selection: ALYAKKH

4.00 BRIGHTON FESTIVAL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,624: 6f 209yd) (5 runners)

1 (4) 32214- ABBEY'S GAL 202 (G) (J Williamson) I Balding 9-7 ... R Cochrane 96
2 (1) 530- LAKAB 217 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-13 ... R Hills 93
3 (5) 024000- RAGING THUNDER 175 (P Savill) G Lewis 8-5 ... K Darley 95
4 (2) 554220- GLEN MILLER 174 (Mrs J Etherton) J Payne 8-5 ... T Quinn 98
5 (3) 320230- FINAL FRONTIER 191 (A Spence) R Akehurst 8-3 ... J Quinn [illegible]

BETTING: 4-6 Abbey's Gal, 4-1 Final Frontier, 5-1 Glen Miller, 10-1 Lakab, 16-1 Raging Thunder.

1992: MAGNIFICENT 8-3 K Rutter (11-2 fav) M Jarvis 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABBEY'S GAL 1½l 4th of 8 to Sharjah in Newbury (7f 64yd, good) handicap. LAKAB 6l 3rd of 15 to Wiza in Yarmouth (7f, good) maiden. RAGING THUNDER 5l 8th of 23 to Law Commission in Newmarket (7f, good to firm) handicap. GLEN MILLER 1½l 2nd of 8 to Wintering in Folkestone (5f, good to soft) maiden. FINAL FRONTIER 4½l 7th of 17 to Mr Nevermind in handicap over course and distance (good).
Selection: ABBEY'S GAL

4.30 SOUTHWICK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f 59yd) (7 runners)

1 (5) 3 RISKY AFFAIR 5 (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 9-0 ... Paul Eddery –
2 (1) PETRATHENE (Miss E Colver) J Jenkins 8-9 ... S Whitworth –
3 (3) 22 RISKIE THINGS 6 (V) (T Pasquale) J Moore 8-9 ... B Rouse –
4 (2) SOUTHDOWN GIRL (Mrs B Armstrong) P Butler 8-9 ... R Cochrane –
5 (6) 4 STARISK 10 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 8-9 ... R Hills –
6 (4) 6 SWEET WHISPER 12 (P Savill) R Hannon 8-9 ... K Darley –
7 (7) WOOLY BULLY (D Butler) M Haynes 8-9 ... D Toole (7) –

BETTING: 2-1 Risky Affair, 7-2 Riskie Things, 4-1 Sweet Whisper, 9-2 Starisk, 8-1 Petrathene, 14-1 Wooly Bully, 16-1 Southdown Girl.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

RISKIE THINGS 3l 2nd of 9 to Million At Dawn in Kempton (5f, soft) auction maiden with RISKY AFFAIR (2lb better off) 1½l 3rd. STARISK 2½l 4th of 8 to Madame Gregoire in Folkestone (5f, good to firm) auction maiden. SWEET WHISPER 6¾l 6th of 8 to Cape Merino in Doncaster (5f, good to firm). PETRATHENE (Foaled Mar 19). Half-sister by Pices to juvenile 5f winner Stormy Heights. SOUTHDOWN GIRL (Foaled May 20, cost 400gns). Half-sister by Blushing Scribe to Belle Candida, 5f/6f winner.
WOOLY BULLY (Apr 27). Is by Meldon Melody out of a juvenile 5f winner.
Selection: RISKIE THINGS

5.00 SEVEN DIALS CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,388: 5f 59yd) (3 runners)

1 (1) 21 INDIAN DREAMER 8 (D,G) (R Hollt) M Bell 9-1 ... M Fenton (5) –
2 (2) 1 TUTU SIXTYSIX 12 (D,F) (Mrs A Gover) R Boss 8-10 ... T Quinn –
3 (3) 1 MADAME GREGOIRE 10 (D,F) (Mrs J Eustace) J Eustace 8-8 ... R Cochrane –

BETTING: 5-4 Indian Dreamer, 7-4 Madame Gregoire, 5-2 Tutu Sixtysix.

1992: MOODIESBURN 8-6 A Mackay (5-4 fav) A Bailey 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

INDIAN DREAMER beat Hill Farm Katie 3½l in 7-runner Catterick (5f, good) stakes races. TUTU SIXTYSIX beat Bella Parkes ¾l in 10-runner Warwick (5f, firm) maiden.

MADAME GREGOIRE beat Antonias Folly 1l in 8-runner Folkestone (5f, good to firm) auction maiden.
Selection: INDIAN DREAMER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Armstrong	3	5	60.0	R Hills	6	27	22.2
R Boss	8	24	33.3	R Cochrane	20	111	18.0
H Thomson Jones	4	13	30.8	T Quinn	30	180	16.7
M Bell	6	20	30.0	J Reid	28	171	16.4
J Gosden	9	32	28.1	B Rouse	16	153	10.5
A Stewart	5	22	22.7	D Biggs	5	49	10.2

Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 4.30 Riskie Things. LEICESTER: 2.50 Jordywrath. 3.20 Dodgy Dancer.

Beneficial has Thirsk objective

BENEFICIAL, the game winner of the Galphay Stakes at Ripon yesterday, will attempt to emulate his half-brother Jeune when he returns to north Yorkshire on Saturday week. The £15,000-added Thirsk Classic Trial has been earmarked by trainer Geoffrey Wragg as the next objective for his progressive colt.

Beneficial made it three wins from four starts as he held off True Hero by a head under a powerful ride from Michael Hills. Wragg saddled Jeune to win the one-mile Thirsk prize 12 months ago, and is hopeful that Beneficial can maintain the family tradition.

Said Wragg: "We'll have to see how Beneficial gets on at Thirsk, but I've got him entered for a decent prize abroad after that. I've got an open mind at the moment about his future, but I think he'll get a mile and a quarter."

John Gosden and Michael Roberts, the trainer and rider of True Hero, took their turn in the winner's enclosure after Daru outclassed his four opponents in the Markington Stakes.

It was little more than an exercise canter for Shaikh Mohammed's grey, who started at 14-1 on. He strolled to a two-length victory after being given his head just inside the final furlong. Thenext stop is the group three Sagaro Stakes at Ascot on April 28.

Irish-born apprentice Michael Fenton, 21, rode his first winner in Britain on Duveen in the Sawley Handicap.



Wragg: planning another raid on Yorkshire prize

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

2.20 The Fernhill Flyer. 2.50 Calisar. 3.20 In The Money. 3.50 Biljan. 4.20 Missy-S. 4.50 Muhtashim. 5.20 Magic Orb.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.20 KNIGHTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,691: 5f 2yd) (13 run)

1 BLURRED IMAGE R Hannon 9-0 ... B Raymond 5
2 2 GAELIC STAR 5 R Hollinshead 9-0 ... W Ryan 13
3 GRANDEE B McMahon 9-0 ... A Munro 1
4 MR ROUGH D Morris 9-0 ... M Tebbutt 12
5 PRIVATE FIXTURE W Jarvis 9-0 ... W Carson 9
6 SPORTING HEIR M Usher 9-0 ... N Adams 6
7 CAPITAL LADY B Rothwell 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) 11
8 CYARNA QUINN M Channon 8-9 ... W Newnes 3
9 GIGUE M Channon 8-9 ... J Williams 7
10 3 PARADISE NEWS 12 G Bravery 8-9 ... N Day 8
11 PETITE BIJOU R Brotherton 8-9 ... W Woods 10
12 4 THATCHERELLA 6 J Akehurst 8-9 ... D Holland 2
13 THE FERNHILL FLYER J Berry 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 4

5-2 The Fernhill Flyer, 4-1 Private Fixture, 9-2 Gaelic Star, 6-1 Blurred Image, 13-2 Thatcherella, 10-1 Paradise News, Capital Lady, 16-1 others.

2.50 BURTON OVERY SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,070: 5f 218yd) (11)

1 423- CALISAR 220 (G) W Turner 9-5 ... L Piggott 5
2 1-00 ESTHAL 12 (G) R Hodges 9-5 ... S Drowne (7) 11
3 2240 JORDYWRATH 15 (V,D) R Spicer 9-5 ... W Newnes 4
4 50-0 OUR MICA 8 (S) J Berry 9-5 ... Pat Eddery 7
5 630- KILDEE LAD 220 A Jones 9-0 ... N Adams 3
6 6566 WEALTHYWOO 34 (B,S) H Collingridge 9-0 ... C Dwyer 10
7 000- BOLD TREASURE 210 Mrs N Macauley 8-9. S D Williams (3) 1
8 08-0 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 8 M Channon 8-9 ... J Williams 9
9 -550 GIRTON BELLE 34 M Usher 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) 6
10 -650 MAGICATION 12 J Balding 8-9 ... Claire Balding (7) 8
11 MIDLIN J Harris 8-9 ... L Dettori 2

11-4 Calisar, 3-1 Esthal, 4-1 Our Mica, 5-1 Jordywrath, 10-1 Kildee Lad, 12-1 Midlin, 14-1 Magication, 16-1 Girton Belle, 20-1 others.

3.20 KIBWORTH HANDICAP
(£3,468: 1m 1f 218yd) (19)

1 -440 SHUJAN 12 (S) R Armstrong 4-10-0 ... L Piggott 17
2 021- DISPUTED CALL 113 J Hills 4-9-13 ... D Holland 7
3 003-6 SAINT CIEL 9 (D,F,S) F Jordan 5-9-12 ... W Newnes 9
4 200- IN THE MONEY 152 R Hollinshead 4-9-10 ... W Ryan 15
5 1313 MODEST HOPE 12 (D,F) R Spicer 6-9-7 ... M Roberts 4
6 40-0 POST IMPRESSIONIST 14 J Pearce 4-9-6 ... F Norton (3) 16
7 /56- BLACKPATCH HILL 268 J Dunlop 4-9-4 ... W Carson 10
8 02/6 MADRAJ 12 R Hodges 5-9-3 ... Pat Eddery 6
9 015- SUPERTOP 189 (CD,G) P Harris 5-9-0 ... W R Swinburn 8
10 1011 ALBERT 6 (D,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-8-12 ... J Williams 11
11 0/60- FERN HEIGHTS 271 (F) C Broad 6-8-12 ... A Tucker (3) 1
12 4025 BLACK BOY 34 R Marvin 4-8-11 ... O Pears (5) 12
13 300- ALTERMEERA 164 Mrs B Waring 5-8-11 ... G Bardwell 14
14 333- FAIRY WISHER 168 M Baraclough 4-8-11 ... D Harrison (3) 19
15 44-0 LONG FURLONG 9 (CD,F,G) T Hallett 5-8-11 ... N Adams 3
16 604- JOLTO 120 (G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-8 ... L Dettori 5
17 3/60- GUEST PLAYER 318J (B,F) T Naughton 6-8-6 ... M Jermy (7) 2
18 06/ NEARCTIC BAY 20J T Bill 7-8-4 ... N Carlisle 18
19 000- DODGY DANCER 171 (B) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-2 ... A Munro 13

3-1 Albert, 6-1 Modest Hope, 8-1 Disputed Call, Madraj, 9-1 Shujan, Supertop, 10-1 In The Money, 12-1 Jolto, 14-1 Blackpatch Hill, 16-1 others.

3.50 LANGHAM MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,289: 1m 3f 183yd) (7)

1 50- ACANTHUS 175 J Dunlop 9-0 ... B Raymond 7
2 4-2 BILJAN 7 (BF) P Cole 9-0 ... A Munro 3
3 3600 GENERAL LINK 9 P Kelleway 9-0 ... W Newnes 5
4 50-4 HOSTILE WITNESS 13 R Hannon 9-0 ... M Roberts 1
5 206- KASSAB 202 J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 4
6 000- OCTOBER BREW 190 G Lewis 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 2
7 006- ROMALITO 171 M Blanshard 9-0 ... D Holland 6

11-10 Kassab, 7-2 Biljan, 9-2 October Brew, 10-1 Acanthus, 12-1 Hostile Witness, 20-1 Romalito, 25-1 General Link.

4.20 HARBOROUGH FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,435: 1m 8yd) (12)

1 6-30 DOUBLE FLUTTER 14 (F) M Channon 4-10-0 ... Pat Eddery 10
2 330- MA BELLA LUNA 152 (D,G) J Dunlop 4-9-8 ... W Carson 5
3 -121 SILKY SIREN 12 (B,D,F) M Pipe 4-8-11 ... M Roberts 1
4 0-00 BEATLE SONG 12 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-8-10 ... S Drowne (7) 2
5 -105 MERRYHILL MADAM 48 (D) J Harris 4-8-8 ... L Dettori 3
6 310- SWEET MIGNONETTE 202 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-7 ... F Norton (3) 6
7 040/ ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 90J B McMahon 4-8-4 ... A Munro 7
8 6-00 ITHKURNI 54J P Hayward 4-8-0 ... N Adams 4
9 202- MUMMYS ROCKET 222 A Bailey 4-7-9 ... A Mackay 8
10 300- MISSY-S 164 (D) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-7-7 ... N Carlisle 9
11 042- CHANCE REPORT 120 (F) F Lee 5-7-7 ... N Kennedy (3) 12
12 6406 MON PETITHAMOUR 33 (D,S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-7-7 ... G Bardwell 11

3-1 Double Flutter, 7-2 Sweet Mignonette, 4-1 Ma Bella Luna, 6-1 Silky Siren, 8-1 Missy-S, 12-1 Mon Petitamour, 14-1 others.

4.50 SIMON DE MONTFORT MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,903: 1m 8yd) (18)

1 DIVINE BOY M Ryan 9-0 ... P Robinson 17
2 EL GAHAR H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan 16
3 0- HARD EIGHT 209 A Stewart 9-0 ... A McGlone 3
4 2- KASSBAAN A Scott 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 9
5 KHISAL D Morley 9-0 ... D Holland 10
6 355- LT WELSH 203 I Balding 9-0 ... L Dettori 14
7 42- MAJOR YAASI 171 J Fanshawe 9-0 ... B Raymond 7
8 2- MAP OF STARS 231 M Stoute 9-0 ... M Roberts 13
9 00- MONSIEUR DUPONT 195 B Hills 9-0 ... A Munro 2
10 0- MUHTASHIM 152 J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 15
11 000- NOMADIC FIRE 152 D Morley 9-0 ... M Tebbutt 4
12 OAMODS H Thomson Jones 9-0 ... N Carlisle 18
13 SOVIET LINE M Stoute 9-0 ... P D'Arcy 12
14 0- SPECIAL DAWN 190 J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Newnes 11
15 STOCKFORCE B Meehan 9-0 ... R Perham 5
16 0- TOP CEES 201 P Harris 9-0 ... N Adams 6
17 40- TOP RANK 180 M Pipe 9-0 ... J Williams 1
18 4- WESTERN CAPE 223 R Charlton 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 8

4-1 Kassbaan, 5-1 Map Of Stars, Top Rank, 6-1 Western Cape, 8-1 Major Yaasi, 10-1 Lt Welsh, 12-1 Muhtashim, 14-1 Hard Eight, Top Cees, 16-1 others.

5.20 BUTLER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,878: 5f 2yd) (11)

1 204- TROON 160 (D,F) Mrs L Piggott 9-7 ... L Piggott 9
2 350- MY BONUS 187 (CD,F,G) D Cosgrove 9-0 ... D Harrison (3) 3
3 250- RAIN SPLASH 175 (D,G) J Balding 8-13 ... Claire Balding (7) 7
4 314- LAUREL DELIGHT 203 (D,F,G) J Berry 8-13 ... Pat Eddery 5
5 14-3 CARNBREA SNIP 10 (D,G,S) M Bell 8-11 ... L Dettori 11
6 115- MEADMORE MAGIC 254 (D,S) P Felgate 8-7 ... F Norton (3) 10
7 12-0 DAYTONA BEACH 15 R Hollinshead 8-4 ... W Ryan 1
8 006- HOTARIA 174 (S) R Whitaker 7-13 ... N Carlisle 2
9 431- ARAGROVE 148 L Holt 7-12 ... A Munro 4
10 1452 THE INSTITUTE BOY 12 (B,D) K Burke 7-12 ... N Adams 6
11 106- MAGIC ORB 185 (D,G) J Spearing 7-10 ... A Mackay 8

7-2 Laurel Delight, 9-2 Aragrove, 6-1 Carnbrea Snip, 8-1 Meadmore Magic, My Bonus, Troon, 10-1 Daytona Beach, 12-1 Hotaria, The Institute Boy, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 4 winners from 15 runners, 26.7%; H Cecil, 20 from 82, 24.4%, M Stoute, 18 from 79, 22.8%, R Charlton, 4 from 22, 18.2%; M Pipe, 4 from 22, 18.2%, G Lewis, 7 from 40, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 7 from 28, 25.0%; W Carson, 26 from 144, 18.1%; W Swinburn, 20 from 115, 17.4%; Pat Eddery, 17 from 99, 17.2%; L Dettori, 18 from 114, 15.8%; D Harrison, 4 from 30, 13.3%.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.10 The Premier Expres. 2.40 Stoproveritate. 3.10 Mad About Men. 3.40 Ashgore. 4.10 High Romance. 4.40 Dances With Gold. 5.10 Philgun.

Our Newmarket correspondent: 3.40 Wintering.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 SPRINGFIELD RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m 65yd) (6 runners)

1 40-0 CARDINAL DOGWOOD 5 (B) M Britain 9-0 ... M Wigham 1
2 360- FESTIN 131 P Haslam 9-0 ... Dale Gibson 4
3 060- SUDDEN SPIN 183 J Berry 9-0 ... G Carter 2
4 030- THE PREMIER EXPRES 164 W Bentley 9-0 ... G Duffield 6
5 000- SAINTED SUE 171 J Haldane 8-9 ... L Charnock 3
6 -603 VILAMAR 34 E Alston 8-9 ... K Fallon 5

6-4 Festin, 3-1 Cardinal Dogwood, 7-2 The Premier Expres, 7-1 Sudden Spin, 10-1 Vilamar, 20-1 Sainted Sue.

2.40 CALDER HANDICAP (£3,028: 1m 65yd) (12)

1 005- STRAW THATCH 25J (B) R Allan 4-10-0 ... S Webster 3
2 10-0 QUANTITY SURVEYOR 5 (CD,S) M Prescott 4-9-7 ... G Duffield 8
3 0-00 RED KITE 13 (CD,S) M Bell 4-9-7 ... M Hills 9
4 05-1 STOPROVERITATE 7 (D,G,S) S Norton 4-9-6 (5ex) ... N Connorton 5
5 612- AEGAEN LADY 150 (C,S) J Etherington 4-8-13 ... J Weaver (3) 7
6 016- DEPUTY TIM 285 (CD,F,G,S) R Bastiman 10-8-9 ... Dean McKeown 2
7 60-1 TANODA 9 (D,F,G,S) M Brittain 7-8-9 (5ex) ... M Wigham 1
8 0461 SHANNON EXPRESS 10 (V,CD,F,S) E Alston 6-8-8 ... K Fallon 11
9 30-3 CHANTRY BELLINI 10 C Thornton 4-8-5 ... J Fanning 4
10 5-00 BETTER STILL 5 P Haslam 4-8-5 ... Dale Gibson 12
11 05-0 DOUBLE THE STAKES 35 F Lee 4-8-3 ... G Carter 10
12 0-36 BOROCAY 69 M Camacho 5-8-1 ... L Charnock 6

3-1 Aegaen Lady, 9-2 Stoproveritate, 6-1 Red Kite, 7-1 Shannon Express, 12-1 Chantry Bellini, Straw Thatch, 14-1 Quantity Surveyor, Tanoda, 16-1 others.

3.10 EARN SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: 5f 4yd) (5)

1 FREE TYSON J Wainwright 8-11 ... L Charnock 4
2 5 BATIEN'S RIVER 6 P Haslam 8-6 ... Dale Gibson 2
3 DUNDEELIN B Ellison 8-6 ... J Lowe 1
4 6 LYING EYES 13 W G M Turner 8-6 ... P McCabe (7) 5
5 3 MAD ABOUT MEN 10 J Berry 8-6 ... G Carter 3

8-11 Mad About Men, 7-2 Batien's River, 7-1 Free Tyson, 8-1 Lying Eyes, 14-1 Dundeelin.

3.40 AVON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,114: 5f 4yd) (6)

1 1-33 WINTERING 15 (D,S) M Prescott 9-7 ... G Duffield 4
2 00-2 GO FLIGHTLINE 10 (D,S) M Bell 9-0 ... M Hills 5
3 053- ASHGORE 163 M Johnston 8-13 ... Dean McKeown 1
4 415- TWO MOVES IN FRONT 201 (CD,F,G) J Berry 8-13 ... G Carter 6
5 00-0 SHADOW JURY 12 (D,F,G) D Chapman 8-8 ... S Wood 3
6 00-3 SELVOLE 10 (D,F) Miss L Perratt 7-7 ... J Lowe 2

3-1 Two Moves In Front, 9-4 Wintering, 5-1 Shadow Jury, 6-1 others.

4.10 GLEN RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,243: 5f 4yd) (5)

1 6655 APOLLO DE ORIENTE 41 J Wainwright 9-0 ... D Nicholls 2
2 -044 CRACKER JACK 12 (B) T Fairhurst 9-0 ... J Fanning 3
3 006- DAYJUZ 154 F Lee 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 5
4 00-4 HIGH ROMANCE 10 D Moffatt 8-9 ... Darren Moffatt (7) 4
5 60-2 KILLY'S FILLY 9 J Berry 8-9 ... G Carter 1

7-4 Killy's Filly, 3-1 Dayjuz, 4-1 High Romance, 11-2 others.

4.40 DUNWAN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £2,717: 1m 3f 16yd) (5)

1 A BADGE TOO FAR J Scargill 8-11 ... J Fanning 1
2 40- BAY QUEEN 182 M Bell 8-11 ... M Hills 5
3 400- DANCES WITH GOLD 167 M Johnston 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 2
4 GOLDMIRE R Fisher 8-11 ... D Nicholls 3
5 0 GRENOBLE 13 C W C Elsey 8-11 ... G Duffield 4

7-4 Bay Queen, 9-4 Dances With Gold, 4-1 A Badge Too Far, 6-1 others.

5.10 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP
(£3,209: 1m 5f 9yd) (11)

1 110- BEAU QUEST 285 (B,DF,G) R Woodhouse 6-9-12 ... M Hills 1
2 010- PERSUASIVE 88J (CD,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-9-5 ... Dale Gibson 2
3 31-6 EURIDICE 12 (B) W G M Turner 4-9-5 ... J Weaver (3) 7
4 58-0 PHILGUN 9 (C,F,S) C W C Elsey 4-9-3 ... S Maloney (3) 3
5 52-4 HOT STAR 9 (D,S) G Moore 7-8-13 ... J Lowe 9
6 -546 MINGUS 82 (S) R Fisher 6-8-12 ... D Nicholls 10
7 0-60 LATOUR 21J (S) Mrs A Swinbank 5-8-9 ... L Charnock 11
8 0/0 LOCH GARANNE 15 M Camacho 5-8-3 ... N Connorton 5
9 040- DOUBLE SHERRY 183 R Whitaker 4-8-2 ... A Culhane 4
10 00-0 BRIDGE PLAYER 9 (B) D Moffatt 6-8-1 ... Darren Moffatt (7) 8
11 300- GREY COMMANDER 27J (B) M Brittain 5-7-9 ... J Fanning 6

7-2 Beau Quest, 4-1 Philgun, 5-1 Euridice, 7-1 Grey Commander, 8-1 Hot Star, 12-1 Loch Garanne, Persuasive, 14-1 Bridge Player, 16-1 Mingus, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Bell, 6 winners from 23 runners, 26.1%; J Etherington, 4 from 18, 22.2%; M Camacho, 5 from 25, 20.0%; J Berry, 44 from 228, 19.3%; J Scargill, 4 from 21, 19.0%; M Johnston, 18 from 107, 16.8%.

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 5 winners from 16 rides, 31.3%; T Sprake, 6 from 21, 28.6%; J Weaver, 5 from 27, 18.5%; Dean McKeown, 34 from 191, 17.8%; J Fanning, 15 from 107, 14.0%; D Nicholls, 20 from 148, 13.5%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: soft (heavy on hurdles course)

1.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Hebridean (R Dunwoody, 100-30 fav); 2, Boycott (14-1); 3, Sparkling Sunset (12-1). 9 ran. NR: Robert's Reject. 4l, 1l. D Nicholson. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £3.20, £2.50. DF: £26.50. CSF £48.38.

2.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Indian Tonic (C Maude, 6-1); 2, Hill Trix (6-1); 3, Camckrovaddy (12-1). Darkbrook 5-1 fav (ur). 15 ran. NR: Kelly Owens. 15l, 5l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £4.80; £2.10, £2.80, £3.80. DF: £15.40. CSF: £38.19.

3.05 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Grange Brake (C Llewellyn, 11-1); 2, Nevada Gold (9-1); 3, Rathvinden House (11-2 fav). 13 ran. 2½l, 10l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £17.50; £4.40, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £55.50. Trio: £58.50. CSF: £92.08. Tricast: £545.32.

3.35 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Dancing Paddy (D O'Sullivan, 8-1); 2, Majed (8-1); 3, Sabaki River (12-1). High Baron 9-2 fav. 14 ran. ¾l, 6l. K Cunningham-Brown. Tote: £11.10; £3.50, £1.70, £3.60. DF: £49.60. Trio: £145.50. CSF: £63.68. Tricast: £696.51.

4.10 (3m hdle) 1, Sweet Duke (P Scudamore, 5-2 fav); 2, Simpson (7-2); 3, Bollinger (8-1). 9 ran. 4l, 1½l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £5.60. CSF: £10.56. Tricast: £50.38.

4.45 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Toureen Prince (Mr J Pritchard, 5-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Roleikto (9-2); 3, Centre Attraction (25-1). 11 ran. 6l, 12l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.10, £5.60. DF: £4.60. CSF: £6.77.

5.20 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Connaught Crusader (M Hourigan, 11-2); 2, Trying Again (20-1); 3, Golden Spinner (6-1). Jenerate 3-1 fav. 18 ran. ¾l, 5l. P Hobbs. Tote: £11.30; £2.50, £5.40, £2.30. DF: £130.90. CSF: £118.98.

5.55 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Arctic Kinsman (V Slattery, 4-1); 2, Ramallah (33-1); 3, Arctic Course (5-1). Son Of Iris 7-2 fav. 21 ran. 3½l, 8l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £8.10; £3.30, £7.90, £2.60. DF: £271.60. CSF: £145.18.

Jackpot: not won (£2,581.49 carried forward to Kempton on Saturday).

Placepot: £101.50.

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Ripon

Going: good

2.25 (5f) 1, Kerchem (D Nicholls, 16-1); 2, Rapier Point (11-2); 3, Monkey Magic (11-8 fav). 9 ran. 3l, 1l. R Fisher. Tote: £30.20; £3.90, £2.10, £1.10. DF: £44.20. CSF: £97.69.

3.00 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, Preston Guild (W Carson, 4-1); 2, Broughtons Formula (7-2 fav); 3, Nancy (14-1). 15 ran. Nk, 3¾l. R Williams. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £4.40. CSF: £19.30. Tricast: £172.57.

3.30 (1m 1f) 1, Beneficial (M Hills, 11-2); 2, True Hero (4-1); 3, Visto Si Stampi (2-1). Declassified 6-4 fav. 8 ran. Hd, 7l. G Wragg. Tote: £6.90; £2.80, £2.90. DF: £13.90. CSF: £26.69.

4.00 (6f) 1, Gorinsky (G Carter, 13-2); 2, Santigla (16-1); 3, Beau Venture (25-1); 4, Face The Future (14-1). Sea Devil 9-2 fav. 19 ran. 1½l, nk. J Berry. Tote: £6.80; £2.20, £15.20, £16.60, £4.30. DF: £313.10. CSF: £109.06. Tricast: £2,283.01.

4.30 (1m 2f) 1, Duveen (M Fenton, 8-1); 2, Solartica (11-2 fav); 3, Moussahim (6-1); 4, Gold Desire (33-1). 18 ran. 1l, 2½l. M Bell. Tote: £8.20; £1.50, £2.90, £1.20, £9.70. DF: £23.90. CSF: £53.15. Tricast: £272.00.

5.00 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, Daru (M Roberts, 1-14 fav); 2, Murphys Way (20-1); 3, Tawafij (33-1). 5 ran. 2l, 5l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £3.20. DF: £5.10. CSF: £4.42.

5.30 (1m) 1, Jalcanto (K Darley, 3-1); 2, He's A King (13-8 fav); 3, Feather Face (10-1). 8 ran. Sh hd, ¾l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.80; £1.60, £1.30, £2.20. DF: £5.40. CSF: £8.76.

Placepot: £80.50

Ludlow

2.15 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) †1, It's Not My Fault (P McDermott, 11-1); †1, Bentley Manor (R Supple, 13-2); 3, Muddy Lane (5-1). Arrastra Evens fav. 13 ran. NR: Ballad Ruler, Kirkman's Kamp, Pigeon Island, Elsa. Dd ht, 7l. D Wintle, J Upson. Tote: It's Not My Fault £8.10, Bentley Manor £3.70; It's Not My Fault £1.90, Bentley Manor £1.50, £1.70. DF: £123.00. CSF: It's Not My Fault, Bentley Manor £39.04; Bentley Manor, It's Not My Fault £36.10.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, Le Metayer (J Railton, 4-1); 2, Bardesan (7-4 jt-fav); 3, Philip's Woody (7-4 jt-fav) 12 ran. 15l, 4l. K Bailey. Tote: £5.40; £1.60, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £8.70. CSF £11.23.

3.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, Smartie Express (W Irvine, 8-11 fav); 2, Yorkshireman (7-1); 3, Special (11-2). 8 ran. ¾l, dist. R Hodges. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.70, £2.40. DF: £6.40. CSF: £6.02. Tricast: £14.21.

3.45 (3m ch) SEE ABOVE

4.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Knave Of Clubs (D Bridgwater, 6-1); 2, Smiles Ahead (10-1); 3, Autonomous (33-1). San Lorenzo 9-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Lava Falls, Galley Bay, Last Shower. 20l, 8l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £1.90, £7.10. DF: £24.60. CSF: £58.08. Tricast: £1,628.08.

4.50 (2m ch) 1, Southend United (R Supple, 7-2); 2, Villa Recos (9-4 fav); 3, Bossburg (25-1). 12 ran. NR: County Contractor. 2½l, 3l. J Upson. Tote: £4.60; £1.70, £1.80, £5.00. DF: £6.60. CSF: £11.42.

5.25 (2m flat) 1, Precious Juno (L O'Hare, 9-2); 2, Forest Pride (4-1); 3, Welsh Lustre (3-1 fav). 18 ran. 5l, ¾l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £7.20; £3.50, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £16.60. CSF: £21.71. Placepot: £98.00

☐ Zeta's Lad, unbeaten in five races this season, was yesterday described as almost certain take his chance in Monday's Jameson Irish National at Fairyhouse.

Faldo, Price and Norman lead challenge for first major championship of 1993

Augusta knights join quest for golf's Holy Grail



David Miller on the unending charm of the Masters, the players' favourite, which starts today

In the small hours, the plaintive moan of horns from shunting-yard trains mingle, like some off-key Jack Teagarden, with the strains of a jazz quartet from a motel saloon. We are back in Augusta, for what the players themselves regard as the greatest prize in golf.

The 19th century railroad coordinated the industrial cotton wealth of Georgia and South Carolina along the Savannah river. Bobby Jones's glorious golf club, designed by Dr Alister Mackenzie and simultaneously a botanist's and golfer's paradise, has helped create and consolidate some of the most illustrious names in golf.

Not to be on the qualifying list is, for a leading player such as Tom Kite last year, to feel humiliated. He could not bear to watch as Freddie Couples was winning the green jacket, spending the afternoon chopping wood instead. Returning this year, the luckless Kite now has a strained back. At 43, the chances for this undemonstrative, correct player who has won $7m over 20 years, must be receding.

No prize is more coveted. "Augusta is unique," Nick Faldo and Greg Norman said yesterday, almost in unison, speaking of the tournament with the reverence and awe usually associated with some phenomenon of nature such as the Grand Canyon.

"The beauty of the tournament is that it is pure golf," Norman said. "A place of tradition and history, without corporate sponsors, by far the best of all the majors." He knows, as every prominent player seeking a rung on the ladder of history knows, that his career is incomplete without a Masters victory.

It is said that Faldo is playing not for today or tomorrow but for a place in history. He agrees. He longs to pass into that company, inhabited by Hogan, Palmer and Nicklaus, so that old men will one day nostalgically recall "I saw Faldo play". "You are playing," he reflected yesterday, casting his eyes about the ceiling rather than at the questioner, "for the green jacket, not the money". Here is golf's Holy Grail.

There is much sensitivity and humour in Faldo which neither his golf nor his slightly strained public utterances ever convey. Many yesterday missed the joke when, invited by the press supervisor to tell everyone "what's on your mind", he replied: "Do you want me to sing it or hum it?"

Winner in 1989 and 1990, Faldo is once again the favourite. The cynics say his five major titles have been gifts from others' momentary incompetence. Nicklaus, who went round with him on the final day of his first Masters victory, commented that he just hit it straight and did not do much with the ball. Neither assessment is fair.

Faldo has perfected his game to the point where he is usually in position to strike should others falter: he has placed in the top 20 of the last 19 majors. One more victory, and only 12 players will have won more majors than he. Nicklaus is wrong. Rather than length, Faldo has painstakingly searched for and concentrated on the ability to "work" his irons.

David Leadbetter, who critically transformed Faldo's swing in the mid-80s, refers to the man's "grip". Behind the grip lies a passion for the game, and the tears of last year's British Open victory at Muirfield. He won't be far away on Sunday.

For Couples, whose flawless performance last year provided such vicarious joy, his defence comes at a time of private torment. Never one for publicity or ostentation, he says simply: "I'd like to be able to sneak in and not let anybody see me. But it won't happen."

Divorce lawyers acting on behalf of Couples's neon-lit wife, Deborah, are descending upon him like the forces of Stormin' Norman, intent upon leaving him financially bare. For starters, they demanded $168,000 maintenance a *month*. The courts ruled for $52,000. Other demands have even more noughts. Poor Freddie. In the short term, he would probably do better to miss the cut tomorrow to reduce his earning potential.



Couples: uncoupled

Winning last year does not mean anything, he says, in that quiet, charming drawl. "It just means everybody asking me if I can win again. I want to be a great player, but I'm not even close." Perhaps, he concedes, he may never come close at Augusta again. Perhaps it was a once-in-a-lifetime thing. For certain, he will not be finding it easy today to concentrate.

For the first time in five years there will not be a British player defending. Europeans have won seven times in the last 13 years, and there seems every chance for another non-American to finish ahead of the home front-runners, Cook, Azinger, Stewart and Love.

Price or Norman, for instance. Norman has come out of his downward spiral of 1991-2, when he attempted to change his swing and then reverted. Yet Norman is the shark with milk teeth. At the majors he talks better than he plays; temperamentally something is missing. When he says, "Win one Masters and I could win six" it's hard to believe him. There has been a seeming jinx at past majors, but maybe it is all in his head.

Price, with a National course record of 63 in 1986 and his first major at last year's USPGA, is a man in form. At last comfortable within himself, having learned from that humbling experience at Troon 11 years ago where, coming to the 13th of the fourth round after three successive birdies, he confided to his caddie "we've won it" and promptly proceeded to throw it away.

He is open in his admiration for Faldo's ability to simplify the game. "The more you play" Price says, "the more you learn the areas [of your game] to stay in. Nick does this better than anyone." Price, eleventh last year, feels he is moving towards the same capability. He will be one to watch the next four days.

And the others? Langer, winner in 1985, is going nicely, but not so Woosnam, whose gesture of triumph in 1991 is unlikely to be forgotten by him or by anyone else. He has missed the cut all three times at US tournaments this year, but was his game not so uncertain immediately prior to victory two years ago that he walked off the course after only nine holes of a practice run.

Ballesteros is struggling to re-enter that arena of excellence to which he belonged but cannot now find on the map. He last won here ten years ago, enduring since then a decade of discontent. In the past two years he has tied for 22nd place and 59th, and these days those who still believe in him do so more than perhaps he does himself.



Spanish inquisition: Olazábal, left, and Ballesteros on the ninth green

Atkinson remains on course for final

JOHN Atkinson, a former winner with his father in 1962 and 1980, remains on course for a third Fathers and Sons Foursomes title at West Hill, Surrey — a feat yet to be achieved in the 58-year history of the tournament.

Atkinson and his son, William, from Bishop's Stortford, have made light work of reaching the last four. The pair, whose combined handicap is 18, have only once been taken beyond the 16th hole in their five matches to date.

Yesterday, they beat the RAC County pairing, the Greens, 3 and 2 and then, in the afternoon, convincingly swept aside the challenge of the Storys, 4 and 2.

Blocking their path to this afternoon's final are Barry and Rod Groce, from Pinner Hill, whose most notable victory came in the fourth round, in which they defeated the Whites, 4 and 3.

The other two semi-final pairings, the Batt-Rawdens and the Bathursts, have been forced to go the whole distance several times in reaching the last day of the competition. Peter and Andrew Bathurst, of Hankley Common, were involved in a gripping fourth-round match against the Worplesdon pairing, the Hills. The Bathursts eventually edged through on the first extra hole.

Gerry Batt-Rawden and son Mark, a member of West Hill Golf Club, produced the upset of the day when they eliminated the favourites, the Benkas, in the fourth round on the 18th hole.

Fantasy gets dose of reality on first tee

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

TODAY is the first round of the Masters at Augusta National, the day the world's best golfers have been anticipating for months, the day when speculating stops and reality sets in.

It is the day when Stephen Dundas, the Amateur champion, from Scotland, realises he will be standing on the first tee with Tom Watson, former US Open champion, five times a winner of the Open Championship and twice a winner at Augusta, and that his sub-par practice rounds are a thing of the past.

Raymond Floyd, runner-up last year, is in the pair in front, with Fred Couples, the defending champion, two pairs behind. Even Dundas, unflappable as only a 19-year-old can be — he practised yesterday with Severiano Ballesteros and Gary Player — might feel butterflies.

Sharing with Watson the distinction of winning a title at Carnoustie, Dundas should worry only if he stands on the first tee, surveys the brilliant green of a pampered fairway and feels nothing. After all, his drive here is his most important shot of the week. It sets the tone for all that follows.

Arnold Palmer, playing in his 39th Masters this week, wrote: "Don't let anyone ever kid you about the first hole being a push-over. It's a long 400 yards because you're going uphill most of the way and the green is multi-tiered with multi-breaks. You don't want to start out the day with a bogey. I speak from experience."

Palmer, who won the Masters four times, also recalled that Floyd made a 54-foot putt with a double break for a three in the first round in 1990, the year he was beaten in a play-off by Nick Faldo. The year before, in the final round, Faldo himself holed a monster of 60 feet for a three that set him on his way to a 65 and a play-off victory over Scott Hoch.

Twenty-five years ago, Roberto de Vicenzo holed a nine-iron for an eagle two in the last round, on his 45th birthday. However, a day that had started so well ended in tears for the Argentinian when he signed his scorecard without noticing that Tommy Aaron, his playing partner, had given him a four at the 17th instead of a three. De Vicenzo had to accept a 66 instead of a 65 and Bob Goalby won the title by a stroke. De Vicenzo's endearing comment — "What a stupid I am" — passed into legend.

Nobody this week has the slightest wish to be remembered, even with affection, for something so dire, but Faldo is among those who have admitted to a desire to pass into legend. The Open champion and world No. 1 is playing for a place in history and his is probably the only name taken seriously when discussing the modern version of the grand slam immortalised by Bobby Jones.

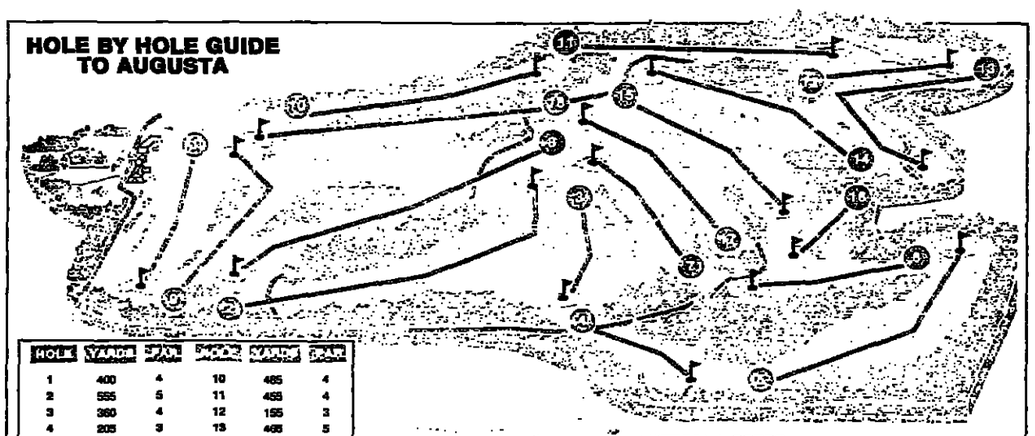
Jones, the amateur player who created Augusta National and the Masters, set the standard for all other golfers when he won the US Open, the Open, the Amateur and the US Amateur in the same year, 1930. He retired from competitive golf at the age of 28, and his grand slam became the preserve of professionals, with Jones's own Masters tournament and the US PGA replacing the amateur titles.

In 1953, Ben Hogan, a man to whom Faldo is compared, won the first three legs of the slam. He won the Masters, the US Open at Oakmont, and the Open at Carnoustie. He could get back from Scotland in time to compete in the US PGA championship, the final leg, but his legs, damaged in a car crash that nearly killed him in 1949, would not have allowed him to play the 36 holes a day the PGA's matchplay format might have required.

Faldo, inspired by an audience with Hogan last year, believes that winning all of the majors in the same year is possible, if improbable. "Everything would have to be right," he said, without going into detail. Instead, he has worked tirelessly, on his game and on his physical and mental fitness, to try to make sure that everything is right.

However, even if everything is right with Faldo, as it seems to be, circumstances might be even better for Couples, Nick Price, Greg Norman or Bernhard Langer or the myriad of former and would-be champions, the state of whose swings and minds are unpredictable, such as Sandy Lyle, Ian Woosnam, Ballesteros and José María Olazábal. Therein lies the endless fascination of Augusta.

HOLE BY HOLE GUIDE TO AUGUSTA



HOLE	YARDS	PAR	HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	400	4	10	485	4
2	555	5	11	455	4
3	360	4	12	155	3
4	205	3	13	485	5
5	435	4	14	405	4
6	180	3	15	500	5
7	390	4	16	170	3
8	535	5	17	400	4
9	435	4	18	405	4
OUT	3,465	36	IN	3,440	36
			TOTAL	6,905	72

MASTERS RECORDS

Most victories: 6: Jack Nicklaus, 4: Arnold Palmer.
Oldest winner: 46, Jack Nicklaus (1986).
Youngest winner: 23, Severiano Ballesteros (1980).
Lowest round: 63, Nick Price (1986).
Lowest outward half: 30, Johnny Miller (1975), Greg Norman (1988).
Lowest inward half: 29, Mark Calcavecchia (1992).
Lowest total: 271, Jack Nicklaus (1965); Ray Floyd (1976).
Biggest winning margin: 9 shots, Jack Nicklaus (1965).
Successful defences: 1965-66, Jack Nicklaus; 1989-90, Nick Faldo.

STARTING TIMES

All times BST; US unless stated

1315: G Sarazen, B Nelson, S Snead
1330: G Brewer, D Ford.
1338: G Hallberg, M Standly.
1346: L Janzen, A Johnstone (Zim).
1354: M Hulbert, G Morgan.
1402: B Casper, C Coody.
1410: M Calcavecchia, J Sindelar.
1418: G Player (SA), H Irwin.
1426: D Peoples, E Schulz.
1434: D Waldorf, J D Blake.
1442: J Cook, M O'Meara.
1450: K Clearwater, F Funk.
1458: M Brooks, J Huston
1506: A Palmer, *W Schultz (SA).
1514: W Grisson, J Maggert.
1522: W Andrade, J Haas.
1530: S Ballesteros (Spa), P Mickelson.
1546: B Crenshaw, *D Yates.
1554: S Pate, B Faxon
1602: J Nicklaus, C Perry (Aus)
1610: M McCumber, T Lehman
1618: C Strange, W Grady (Aus).
1626: N Henke, D Pruitt.
1634: A Magee, B R Brown
1642: C Beck, B Lietzke.
1650: S Lyle (GB), L Wadkins.
1658: I Woosnam (GB), D Love III.
1706: C Pavin, R Cochran.
1714: F Zoeller, B Ogle (Aus).
1722: P Azinger, S Elkington (Aus)
1730: R Floyd, I Baker-Finch (Aus).
1738: T Watson, *S Dundas (GB)
1746: T Aaron, M Ozaki (Jap).
1754: F Couples, *J Leonard.
1810: N Price (Zim), J Sluman.
1818: S Simpson, C Montgomerie (GB).
1826: T Kite, J M Olazábal (Spa).
1834: J Daly, D Forsman
1842: C Stadler, G Norman (Aus).
1850: L Mize, R Zokol (Can).
1858: D Frost (SA), A Forsbrand (Swe).
1906: N Faldo (GB), P Stewart.
1914: J Gallagher Jnr, N Ozaki (Japan).
1922: B Langer (Ger), H Twitty
1930: R Gilder, M Clemente.
1938: D Edwards, G Sauers.

* denotes amateur

SPORT IN BRIEF

Maradona banned for two matches

DIEGO Maradona was suspended for two Spanish league matches yesterday following his part in an outbreak of violence in a match between Sevilla, his club, and Cádiz on March 21. The trouble occurred when Maradona protested about the referee's decision not to caution a Cádiz defender who had tackled him in the final minutes of the match.

Claudio Caniggia who, like his fellow Argentinian, has failed a drugs test while playing in Italy, may have to wait for more than a month to find out his punishment. The Italian football federation said yesterday that it had passed the documents on the case to its chief legal officer, who must summon the federal disciplinary committee to rule on the punishment. Caniggia is allowed ten working days to prepare a defence and, given the Easter holiday, the meeting will not take place until April 23 at the earliest.

Maradona joined Sevilla this season after serving a 15-month suspension for failing a drugs test while playing for Napoli in 1991. Caniggia, who is with AS Roma, is expected to be banned for between six months and two years for testing positive for cocaine.

Ryan misses semi-final

RUGBY UNION: Wasps will be without their captain, Dean Ryan, for their Pilkington Cup semi-final against Harlequins on Saturday. Ryan, who damaged knee ligaments at Orrell last weekend, is hoping to be fit for the final if the team reaches Twickenham. Steve Bates, the scrum half, takes over the captaincy and the gap at lock caused by Ryan's absence is filled by moving Matt Greenwood from No 8 and bringing in Chris Wilkins, an England under-21 cap last season. John Steele and Seb Tubb have both recovered from injury and will be in the Northampton team against Leicester in the other semi-final. Lancashire have named an unchanged side for the final of the ADT County Championship against Yorkshire at Twickenham on April 17. Lancashire can set a record by winning the title for the 16th time before the format changes next season.

Heslop has high hopes

RUGBY LEAGUE: Nigel Heslop, Oldham's former England rugby union wing who broke his jaw against Featherstone Rovers on March 14 in his third game in rugby league, hopes to return before the end of the season. Heslop, who goes back to the specialist today, said: "I am feeling much better. It was not felt necessary to wire the jaw and I hope the specialist will confirm that my recovery is on schedule." If it is, Heslop could be back for the divisional play-offs which end with the final at Old Trafford on May 16.

Emosi Koloto, the Widnes forward, is likely to miss the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against Wigan on May 1 because of the recurrence of a neck injury.

Jolly hockey tricks

HOCKEY: The Army Cup, believed to be the oldest trophy for hockey, was won at Aldershot yesterday by 32nd Regt Royal Artillery with a 3-0 victory over the combined Headquarters Northern Ireland and 15th Signal Regiment in the final. The victors relied mainly on Jolly and Mears, who took command of the match in the closing stages. Although the artillery dominated the second half, they were kept waiting until the 59th minute when a reverse shot by Diamond landed against the back board. Three minutes later Jolly pulled the ball back from the line for Mears to score the second goal and Jolly set up the third for Mears almost on time.

Richards halts Price

BOWLS: Mary Price, of the Desborough club, came close to defeating a fourth illustrious opponent, Wynne Richards, ranked No. 13 in the United Kingdom, before losing 9-2, 4-9, 9-8 in the semi-final of the Robert Hutchinsons (Opticians) International Masters mixed tournament in Ely yesterday. Price, who accounted for David Ward, the England skip, David Bryant and Paul Vamvacopoulos, of Surrey, to reach the semi-final, overhauled Richards's early lead in the deciding set before a moment of good fortune at 8-6 enabled him to escape defeat and progress to the final, where he meets Greg Harlow, the holder, who beat Hugh Duff 9-8, 9-7.

Billy Griffith dies

CRICKET: Lt-Col S. C. "Billy" Griffith, the former president of MCC, has died in a Sussex rest home at the age of 78. Griffith kept wicket for Sussex and played three times for England, scoring his maiden first-class century on his Test debut. He later became secretary and president of Sussex and held both positions with MCC. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and son, Mike, also a former Sussex captain. Alan Smith, the chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board, said Griffith was "a most delightful man who was liked and admired throughout the entire cricket world. His contribution to the game was enormous."

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Peugeot lacks sponsor

MOTOR SPORT: Peugeot announced yesterday that it will not compete in Formula One next season because of lack of sponsorship. The Peugeot-Citroen group is understood to have been ready to spend £75 million to fund the project, but it is thought half as much again would be needed to challenge the top teams, Williams-Renault and McLaren. Peugeot, the world sports car champions, had been looking for a fresh challenge after sports car racing was wound up last year. Peugeot won the world rally championship in 1985 and 1986 but withdrew when the rules were changed and went into sports car racing.

Smith delays surgery

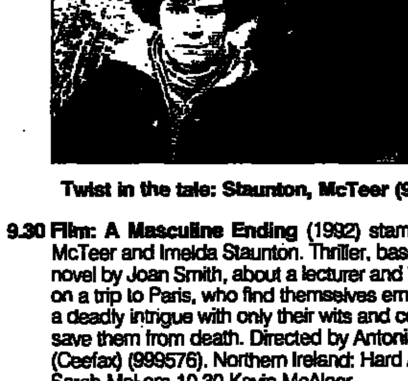
CRICKET: Robin Smith, the Hampshire and England batsman, has postponed an operation on his injured shoulder to ensure he plays against Australia in the forthcoming Ashes series. He had announced he would have an operation before the start of the season but has now opted to delay it until the end of the summer. Smith saw a specialist this week and learnt he was suffering from chronic instability in his right shoulder, caused by playing rugby as a boy. He was warned he will need a long rest after the operation, which could rule him out of England's tour of the Caribbean in January.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (82717)
7.00 Breakfast News (32396311)
9.05 Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (r) (s) (7453311) **9.30 Why Don't You ..?** Entertaining ideas for youngsters at a loose end (s) (43773)
10.00 News *(Ceefax)*, regional news and weather (8975205) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7387359)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick (88071682)
12.05 Pebble Mill hosted by Judi Spiers (s) (4694392)
12.45 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. An update on the morning's events (14180156) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (37249682)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (57798)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (11458311) **1.50 Golden Fiddles.** The concluding part of the Australian drama following the rags to riches life of the Balfour family (65081359)
3.25 The Flintstones. Cartoon adventures of the Stone Age family (1819175) **3.50 Pingu** (7508682) **3.55 *Chuckleviston*** (r) (s) (5748885) **4.15 Happy Families** (r) (s) (5958205) **4.30 Tricks 'n' Tracks.** The first in a new series of the music and magic programme presented by Paul Zenon and Sally Gray. *(Ceefax) (s) (7568682)*
4.55 Newsround (7461885) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Includes an interview with children's author Gillian Cross. (Ceefax) (s) (2997525)
5.35 Neighbours *(r). (Ceefax) (s) (376885). Northern* Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey *(Ceefax) Weather (427)*
6.30 Regional News Magazines (779). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Tony Dortie (4798)
7.30 EastEnders. *(Ceefax)* (s) *(663)*
8.00 Mulberry. A new series of the comedy by John Esmonde and Bob Larbey, starring Karl Howman as the other-wordly manservant to the elderly spinster Miss Farnaby (Geraldine McEwan). (Ceefax) (s) (3446)
8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. The indomitable snob, Hyacinth Bucket (Patricia Routledge), sees a stranger who has obviously spent the night at Elizabeth's. What will this mean to the local property market? (r). *(Ceefax) (s) (2953). Wales: Local Hero*
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5507)

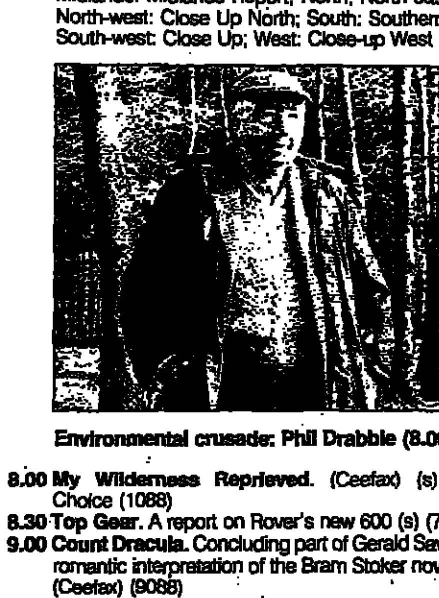


Twist in the tale: Staunton, McTeer (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: A Masculine Ending (1992) starring Janet McTeer and Imelda Staunton. Thriller, based on the novel by Joan Smith, about a lecturer and her friend on a trip to Paris, who find themselves embroiled in a deadly intrigue with only their wits and courage to save them from death. Directed by Antonia Bird (r). (Ceefax) (999576). Northern Ireland: Hard Act 10.10 Sarah Makem 10.30 Kevin McAleer
11.05 International Golf. Steve Rider introduces first round action from the US Masters in Augusta, Georgia. The commentators are Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley and Dave Marr (239595)
11.55 Beyond the Shadows. The fifth of seven programmes for Holy Week. (Ceefax) (423040)
12.10am Weather (4989441). Ends at **12.15**
2.15-2.45 **BBC Select: Executice Business Club.** Scrambled (44793)

BBC2

6.45 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (8267779)
8.15 Break Out. Reporter Damian Johnson tries land yachting (r) (5490311)
8.20 Women of Our Century. *Janet Vaughan, scientist* and academic (r). (Ceefax) (9784798)
9.00 Film: Hold That Ghost (1941, b/w) starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello. Laboured comedy about two petrol station attendants who *inherit a haunted* roadhouse. Directed by Arthur Lubin (2978683)
10.25 Film: Lady in the Dark (1944, b/w) starring Ginger Rogers and Ray Milland. Minor musical romance directed by Mitchell Leisen (69718953)
12.00 A Gift Of Life. An investigation into the acute shortage of organ donors (97427)
12.30 The Little World of the Little Pony. Julian Pettifer on the charm of the Shetland pony (r) (4146717)
1.20 Brum (r) (13156595) **1.30 The Adventures of Spot** (r) (62204576) **1.35 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers** (r) (18996883)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60457682) **2.05 Odyssey.** The 1990 exhibition of photographs from the National Geographic Society's collection (7884717)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (8956311) **3.05 The Vase.** A *Chronicle* documentary about the British Museum's vase made of Roman silver (r) (8017088) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (8395885)
4.00 Film: Christopher Columbus (1949) starring *Fredric March, A colourful account of the explorer's* life, directed by David MacDonald (57605392)
5.35 Film: The Night of the Grizzly (1966) starring Clint Walker. Ordinary western about a rancher whose *livelihood is threatened by a marauding bear.* Directed by Joseph Pevney (76948750)
7.15 Painted Passions. How the Passion has been depicted in art. (Ceefax) (787663)
7.30 First Sight. Current affairs series for the south-east (205). Wales: Dial M for Malice; East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Close Up; West: Close-up West



Environmental crusade: Phil Drabble (8.00pm)

8.00 My Wilderness Reprieved. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (1088)
8.30 Top Gear. A report on Rover's new 600 (s) (7345)
9.00 Count Dracula. Concluding part of Gerald Savory's romantic interpretation of the Bram Stoker novel (r). (Ceefax) (9088)
10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (795251)
11.15 The Late Show. This month's Scottish edition features the opening of Glasgow's St Mungo's Museum of Religious Life and Art (145717)
11.55 Weather (871798)
12.00 Doctors' Diagnoses. How computers can help doctors with symptoms and prognoses (94170). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE



A nun's story: Kristin Scott Thomas (ITV, 9.00pm)

Body and Soul
ITV, 9.00pm

An enticing new drama series from Marcelle Bernstein's novel features Kristin Scott Thomas as Sister Gabriel, a nun in a remote Welsh convent. For 16 years she has denied herself the earthly pleasures, though there are signs that she may be starting to regret it. For one thing there is a friendship (is it more?) with young Sister Dominic. Then Sister Gabriel's brother dies in a blazing car and she is pitched back into the outside world to comfort her pregnant sister-in-law (Amanda Redman). Under the careful direction of the experienced Moira Armstrong the narrative builds slowly, as if aware that it has to stretch over six episodes. But the plot is tantalising and there are enough hints and nudges to keep you glued.

Trial and Error
Channel 4, 9.30pm

David Jessel and other members of the team behind the BBC's *Rough Justice* turn up on another channel to offer more of the same under a new title. Tonight's alleged case of wrongful conviction concerns Mary Druhan, a homeless alcoholic who is serving life for a double murder. She is supposed to have set fire to a house for vagrants in Kingston upon Thames, killing her lover and another man. The film claims she did no such thing, or at least that the evidence is too shaky to be relied on. Although the events happened nearly five years ago, the programme has managed to track down the key witnesses and mount a detailed reconstruction. It not only makes gripping television but also gives viewers the chance to put themselves in the juror's seat.

Just a Gigolo
ITV, 8.30pm

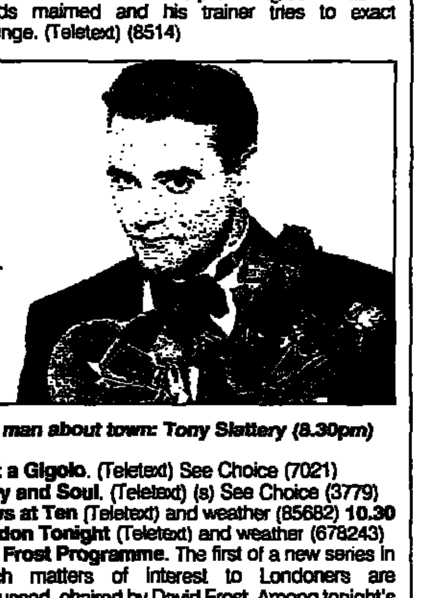
Incompetent French teachers are suddenly all the sitcom rage. Hard on the heels of Nigel Planer's Laurence Didcott in *Bonjour La Classe* comes Nick Brin, played by Tony Slattery. The difference is that Nick is fired in the first episode. This is not another school comedy. Nick shares a flat with a sluttish brother Simon (Paul Bigley). There is a running joke about Simon shrinking Nick's clothes in the wash. More important for the plot is that Nick goes to Simon's office party. For some reason he is wearing evening dress. A woman mistakes him for her escort. Nick senses a new career. Despite having three writers, Carl Gorham, Michael Hatt and Amanda Swift, the show manages only a modest quota of laughs.

My Wilderness Reprieved
BBC2, 8.00pm

Phil Drabble, one of television's most agreeable countrymen, presents a four-part series on conservation. His starting point is autobiographical. He tells us he became hooked on nature at the age of eight, which was 70 years ago. He gave up a successful career in industry to buy 90 acres of rundown woodland, which he made into a wildlife reserve. Drabble speaks softly but talks tough. He is against "get-rich-quickers" and in favour of people who respect the countryside. Against the grain of the profit-obsessed enterprise culture, he wants the government to support labour-intensive rural crafts. His crusade is to ensure that the environment is left better for the next generation, not worse. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV *The guests include Sir David Frost, Jason* Connery and the Everly Brothers (7016885)
9.25 Jeopardy! Quiz game show hosted by Steve Jones (7459595) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7363779) ***10.00* Police Academy.** Cartoon adventures based on the successful comedy film (r) (7373156)
10.25 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (56305408)
12.10 The Riddlers. For the very young (8631779)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (6178345) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93860243)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (731392) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (730663)
2.15 The View. Loyd Grossman with viewers' comments on the people and programmes on television (755972) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands-based drama series (4004446)
3.10 ITN News headlines (8974717) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8973088) **3.20 Blockbusters.** Teenagers' general knowledge quiz (s) (1896224)
3.50 Garfield and Friends (r) (5725934) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club** presented by Rolf Harris (r) (373427) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (7558205)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (5042494)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (986311)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (Teletext) (10866)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (9866)
7.30 Storyline. The first of a new series of the investigative programme (359)
8.00 The Bill: High Hopes and Low Life. Sun Hill *officers are called in when a promising boxer has his* hands maimed and his trainer tries to exact revenge. (Teletext) (8514)



A man about town: Tony Slattery (8.30pm)

8.30 Just a Gigolo. (Teletext) See Choice (7021)
9.00 Body and Soul. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (3779)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (85682) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (678243)
10.40 The Frost Programme. The first of a new series in which matters of interest to Londoners are discussed, chaired by David Frost. Among tonight's subjects is crime in the capital and the guests include Paul Condon, the new Metropolitan Police commissioner (s) (174934)
11.40 Raw Soup. A new comedy and music magazine, presented by Paul Tonkinson, Miranda Sawyer and Rima Chehlaoui. The musical guests include Blur and the London Posse; comedy is provided by Wood Bop Muddy and Phill Jupitus (s) (213682)
12.40am Street Legal. New Canadian drama series set in a law firm (6141557)
1.30 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (37422)
2.00 America's Top Ten (s) (46731)
2.30 Donahue. The guests are teenaged sisters who are always squabbling (73644)
3.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Skeleton in the Closet. A tale with a twist (r) (56118)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Leisure time guide *(r) (14915)*
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (77064)
5.30 ITN Morning News (99625). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.50 Sesame Street (r) (9129773) **6.45 Dennis.** Animated adventures of a naughty boy (r) (3819205)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (30021)
9.00 Wish Kid. Cartoon series (r) (89589) **9.30 The Batman** (b/w). The Gotham City heroes in another adventure from the 1940s (r) (6984021)
9.50 Gamesmaster (r) (1588773) **10.20 New Kids On the Block — On Tour.** Musical series mixing live action with animation (r) (7375514) **10.50 The Miraculous Mellops.** Australian fantasy series (r) (1153408) **11.20 Teletoons** (r) (2909381)
12.20 Sesame Street. The guest is ballet dancer Suzanne Farrell (2839595) ***1.15* Little Rosey.** Animated adventures of a baby Roseanne Arnold (r) (s) (17776972) **1.40 The Hoarder** (r) (s) (62219408)



Escaping the dustbowl: Henry Fonda (1.50pm)

1.50 Film: The Grapes of Wrath (1940, b/w) starring Henry Fonda. An Oscar-winning adaptation of John *Steinbeck's Depression novel about the exploitation* of farmers having to leave drought-ridden Oklahoma for the lusher pastures of California. Directed by John Ford (97271175)
4.15 Raising the Roof A report on the progress of the Tyneside home builders (5974243)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knock-out general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (972)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are people who have caused death while driving under the influence of drink. (Teletext) (s) (7913224)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout (r) (494021)
6.00 Desmond's. The first of a series of the comedy set in a Peckham, south London, barber's shop. Starring Norman Beaton (r). (Teletext) (s) (137)
6.30 A Different World. American college comedy series (s) (717)
***7.00* Channel 4 News** *(Teletext) and weather (313088)*
7.50 Caves, Castles and Council Houses. The series on the history of homes concludes with a look at the housing of the future (933040)
8.00 The Big Issue. *A documentary about the magazine* on homeless matters (r). (Teletext) (6156)
8.30 Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien leads six more adventurous young people through the mediaeval maze (s) (69311)
9.30 Trial and Error. (Teletext) See Choice (70392)
10.30 Harry Enfield's Guide to the Opera In the last of his lighthearted look at opera Harry Enfield explores how people get started in opera. With contributions from Placido Domingo, John Tomlinson and Elvis Costello (s) (366088)
11.05 Cardboard Citizens. Actors who were once, or are, homeless perform a drama about a 15-year-old living on the street (579935)
11.35 Raising the Roof. Another report from the home-building Tynesiders (879330)
11.40 Death of a Runaway. Friends and family recall 16-year-old runaway Elaine Foley, who was found dead a few months after being featured in a 1990 documentary about homeless youngsters (333408)
12.55am Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's documentary about the difficulty older people have in finding a job (9528793)
1.45 Film: Born of Fire (1987) starring Peter Firth *A Film on Four* supernatural horror movie about a musician on a visit to Turkey at the instigation of an astronomer (Susie Crowley). Directed by Jamil Dehlavi (597441) Ends at **3.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1896224) **5.10-5.40** Billy (5042494) **6.00** Home and Away (766750) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (631601) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (327088) **11.10** Wideangle (129494) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (573576) **12.35** Coach (4994373) **1.05** Wrestling (2122538) **1.45** Film: Hell is for Heroes (324625) **3.25** America's Top Ten (13240688) **4.05** Billy (43432731) **4.20** 808 State (67023731) **4.30** Riviera (13354) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (77064)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45-3.10 Wild World of the East (4004446) **3.20-3.50** An Invitation to Remember (Phyllis Calvert) (1896224) **6.00** Lookaround (595) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (175) **10.40** Life Stones (327088) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (245156) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (2540489) **12.35** Coach (4994373) **1.05** Wrestling (2122538) **1.45-3.25** Film: Hell is for Heroes (324625)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (731392) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (730663) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (1896224) **5.10-5.40** Short Story Theatre (5042494) **6.00** Home and Away (766750) **6.25-7.00** Central News (781069) **10.40** *Married... with Children* (327088) **11.10** 1st Night (129494) **11.40** Sledge Hammer (444408) **12.10** The Equalizer (6644557) **1.05** Hollywood Report (3034354) **1.35** The Little Picture Show (4909557) **2.35-3.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1454183)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (730663) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1896224) **6.00** HTV News (595) **6.30-7.00** You're the Boss (175) **10.40** A Royal Gilt (327088) **11.10** The West This Week (721934) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (573576) **12.35** Coach (4994373) **1.05** Wrestling (2122538) ***1.45*** *Film: Hell is for* Heroes (324625) **3.25** America's Top Ten (13240688) **4.05** Billy (4343731) **4.20** 808 State (67023731) **4.30** Riviera (13354) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (77064)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme **7.30-8.00** Wales this Week **10.40** A Slice of *Life* **11.25** *Weekend Ahead!* **12.10-1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young *Doctors (1896224)* **6.00** *Meridian Tonight* (595) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (175) **10.40** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (327088) **11.20** *Prisoner: Cell Block H* (245156) **12.15** War of the Worlds (6635809) **1.15-1.30** The Twilight Zone (2040422) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (77064)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1896224) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (361205) **10.40** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (327088) **12.05** Meditations for Holy Week (7282847) **12.20** Film: The Reptile (273731) **2.00** America's Top Ten (46731) **2.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (32538) **3.00** Film: Nana (196625) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (7409915)

ULSTER
As London except: *1.45-2.15* A Grief Observed (730663) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (10866) **10.40** Counterpoint (327088) 11.10 Film: The Survivors (896175) **1.05** Wrestling (9710847) **1.45** Film: Hell is for Heroes *(608199)* **3.25** *America's Top Ten* (13240688) **4.05** Billy (43432731) **4.20** 808 State (67023731) **4.30** Riviera (13354) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (77064)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (730663) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (1896224) **6.00-7.00** West Country Live (10866) **10.40** Commando (327088) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (245156) **12.10** Disaster Chronicles (5590354) **12.35** Coach (4994373) **1.05** Wrestling (2122538) **1.45** Film: Hell is for Heroes (324625) **3.25** America's Top Ten (13240688) **4.05** Billy (43432731) **4.20** 808 State (67023731) **4.30** Riviera (13354) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (77064)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24678514) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5277663) **9.10** Cartoons (5392866) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (46205) **10.00** Strike It Rich (78717) **10.30** Concentration (17205) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (88717) **11.30** Falcon Crest (35243) **12.30pm** E Street (40021) **1.00** Another World (6463663) **1.45** Santa Barbara (394885) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (491458) **3.15** Different Strokes (375750) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4043866) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5069) **6.00** Games World (9595) **6.30** E Street (3175) **7.00** Rescue (6798) **7.30** Family Ties (9359) ***8.00*** *Melrose Place (97953)* ***9.00*** *Chances* (17717) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (32514) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (30576) **11.30** Studs (87601) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise (29750) **6.30** News and Business Report (832196) **9.30** Nightline (40885) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (99683) **11.30** *International Business Report* (33885) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (41309) **1.30** Good Morning America (91668) **2.30** Parliament Live (8074137) **3.15** Parliament Live (2693514) **4.30** News and Business Report (9972) **5.00** Live at Five (49175) **6.30** News and Business Report (45069) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (1971) **10.30** Nightline (61446) **11.30** ABC News (24427) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (68489) **1.30** ABC News (20002) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (43002) **3.30** *ABC News* (55847) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (57844) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (37809)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (6062446)
10.00 The Never-Ending Story II: The Next Chapter (1990): Jonathan Brandis returns to Fantasia (51137)
12.00 Pieces of Dreams (1991): Priest Robert Forster falls in love with *social worker* Lauren Hutton (43021)
2.00pm Some Kind of a Nut (1969): Dick Van Dyke grows a beard (57476)
4.00 Tom Brown's Schooldays (1951, *b/w): Rugby school adventures* (3601)
6.00 The Never-Ending Story II: The Next Chapter (as 10am) (81392)
8.00 Hoodwinked (1990): Robert Mitchum teams up with Ernest Borgnine (93137)
10.00 Hellbound: Hellraiser II (1989) Ashley Laurence enters Hell (319576)
11.35 Firestarter (1984): Horror story starring Drew Barrymore (288934)
1.30am My Son Johnny (1991): Rick Schroder terrorises Conn Nemec (28644)
3.00 Nothing Underneath (1985): A psychic predicts his sister's murder (65002)
4.30 Fatal Sky (1990): Science-fiction mystery (52199). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Battle of Britain (1969) Fighter pilots ward off the Nazi scourge (68295866)
8.15 Class of '44 (1973): The exploits of three young men (14446243)
10.00 Polyester (1981): Housewife Divine is swept off her feet by matinee idol Tab Hunter (10040) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Peter and Pompey. Australian family drama (69330)
8.00 Sinbad of the Seven Seas (1989): Swashbuckling adventure starring Lou Ferrigno (51040)
10.00 The List of Adrian Messenger (1963). George C. Scott tracks an elusive serial killer (59779)
12.00 Von Richthofen and Brown (1971): First world war aerial drama (41663)
2.00pm The Spirit is Willing (1967): Sid Caesar moves to a haunted house (57458)
4.00 Sinbad of the Seven Seas (as 8am) *(1243)*
6.00 The Maid (1991): Martin Sheen waits on Jacqueline Bisset (89934)
8.00 Stepping Out (1991). Liza Minnelli teaches tap dancing (91779)
10.00 Stockade (1990): Martin Sheen baits soldier Charlie Sheen (538773)
11.40 Harbour Beat (1990): Sydney police thriller (132953)
1.15am Hidden Agenda (1990): Brian Cox investigates the murder of an American lawyer in Belfast (742847)
3.05 Seven Minutes: Klaus Maria Brandauer attempts to assassinate Hitler (742828) Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (83663) **7.00** Rugby League Academy (23779) **9.00** Stretch (45427) **9.30** British Basketball (82885) **10.30** NHRA Drag Racing (34311) **11.00** Windsurfing (28359) **11.30** Stretch (29088) **12.00** Ringside (94779) **2.00pm** Snooker (714243) **5.00** ATP Tour Magazine (8934) **5.30** Netbusters (7798) **6.00** Soccer News (452205) **6.03** WWF Wrestling (73798) **7.00** Snooker (440156) **10.00** *Soccer News* (306953) **10.03** The Boot Room (29576) **11.00** British Motorsport (36243) **12.00** European League Round-Up (71828) **1.00am** Netbusters (20267) **1.30** Snowboarding (67286) **2.00-3.00** British Basketball (77373)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (31798) **8.00** Golf Magazine (69953) **9.00** Snooker (19088) **11.00** European Football (40446) **12.00** Cycling: Ghent-Wevelgem (62682) **1.00pm** American Basketball (80576) **3.00** Diving (18972) **4.00** Show Jumping (25309) **5.00** Gymnastics (78601) **6.30** News (3359) **7.00** Ice Hockey (1799663) **11.00** Boxing (21311) **12.00-12.30am** News (72396)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (13836224) **6.15** Button Moon (12631779) **6.30** Bucky O'Hare (6373330) **7.00** Bravestarr (3025330) **7.30** Neighbours (3011137) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1450866) **8.30** EastEnders (1459137) **9.00** The Bill (1473717) **9.30** The Onedin Line (5223040) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (6917682) **11.30** No Place Like Home *(1944866)* ***12.00*** *Sons and Daughters* (1453953) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9699088) **1.00** EastEnders (3024601) **1.30** The Bill (9898359) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo' (7516156) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (1748066) **3.00** Dallas (1948682) **4.00** Dynasty (1967717) **5.00** Candid Camera (7507408) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (1443214) **6.00** Neighbours (5918825) **6.30** The Onedin Line (3882069) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo' (4798381) **8.00** EastEnders (7596392) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (7515427) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (9848446) **10.00** The Bill (1454682) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (1463330) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (1968446) **11.30** Dr Who and the Claws of Axos (6360866) **12.00** Film: Renladick (1972) starring James Booth (9103628) **1.35-2.00** Video Bites (80219441)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (63569) **7.00** RatKan II (55137) **9.00** New Kids on the Block (87427) **9.30** The Bears' Island (96663) **10.00** All for One (28595) **10.30** New Adventures of He-Man (76311) **11.00** The New Fantastic Four (44311) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (45040) **12.00** Dominic (19514) **1.00pm** Super Mario Brothers (58224) **1.30** New Adventures of He-Man (99750) **2.00** Good Sports (7224) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (6224) **3.00** Kissy Fur (6359) **3.30** RatKan II (75040) **5.00-7.00** TCC (88156)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths Miscellany — Mathematics and Literature
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Chris de Souza. Including Haydn (Symphony No 48 in C, Maria Theresa); Bridge (Enter Spring); Brahms *(Tragic Overture)*; Strauss (Suite, Der Rosenkavalier)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Schubert. Sonata in B flat, D617 (Peter Noke and Helen Krizos, *piano duet); An den* Mond in einer Herbstnacht, D614 (Sarah Walker, mezzo, Graham Johnson, piano); Overture in E minor, D648 (London Philharmonic under Raymond Leppard); Piano Sonata in A, D664 (Martin Roscoe, piano)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Alonso Lobo (Quam pulchri sunt gressus tui); Cabezon (Diferencias on the Milanese Galliard); Tallis (If You Love Me); Holborne *(The Countess* of Pembroke's Funeral and Paradise); Byrd (Rejoice unto the Lord); Diego Ortiz (Two Recercadas); Fuenllana (Morenica Dama); Dowland (Lachrimae Antiquae); Padilla (Lamentations for Maundy Thursday); Dowland (Lachrymae Antiquae Novae); Milan (Two Fantasias); Esteban Daza (Quien te hizo Juan pastor Fantasia); Victoria *(Requiem*, 1605)
12.00 Haydn's Late Chamber Works Piano Trio in D, H XV 24; Piano Sonata in C, H XVI 50; String Quartet in D minor, Op 76 No 2, Fifths (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 La Fiamma: Netherlands Radio Choir; Roder Boys' Choir; Netherlands Radio PO under Edo de Waart perform Respighi's three-act opera to a libretto by Claudio Guastalla after Wiers Jenssen's play, *Anne Pedersdotter. Sung in* Italian. With Sigmund Cowan as Basilio, Felicity Palmer as Eudossia, Stefka Evstatieva as Silvana and Daniel Galvez Vallejo as Donello
3.35 C.P.E. Bach: Andreas Staier and Robert Hill, harpsichords, Musica Antiqua Cologne under Reinhard Goebel perform Concerto for two harpsichords and orchestra in F, Wq 46
4.00 Portraits in Brass: Britannia Building Society Band and University College Salford Brass Band play works by Elgar Howarth. See Choice
5.00 In Tune, with Peter Paul Nash
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra, live from the Festival Hall, London. Alexander Lazarev conducts Tavener (The Protecting Veil: Raphael Wallfisch, cello). **8.15** Dejection. Gabriel Josipovici explores how writers and poets interpret despondency. **8.35** Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique)
9.25 A Pilgrim to Jerusalem: Judi Dench with the last of four readings from the journal of the fourth-century nun Egeria
9.35 Chopin: Nelly Ben-Or, piano, plays Etude in F minor, Op 25 No 2; Nocturne in A flat, Op 32 No 2; Etude in A flat, Op 25 No 1; Mazurka in A flat, Op 59 No 2; Mazurka in F minor, Op 63 No 2; Grande Valse Brillante in A flat, Op 34 No 1; Prelude in C sharp minor, Op 45; Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op 44 (r)
10.15 *Bluebird Blues* *(r)*
10.45 Night Waves: Arts review
11.30 The Way of the Cross: Taverner Choir under Andrew Parrott sings Anon (Stabat Mater); Liszt (Via Crucis)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** *Today, incl* ***6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30*** News **6.55, 7.55** Sports News **8.43** Richard Matthewman (4/6) **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 The Moral Maze, with *Michael* Buerk, Rabbi Hugo Gryn, Janet Daley, Edward Pearce and Dr David Starkey
9.45 Famous for 15 Minutes: *Jenni Mills talks to sky-diver* Noel Farrelly, whose parachute failed to open at 2,500 feet
10.00-10.30 News; Crampton Hodnet (FM only), by Barbara Pym. Third of six episodes
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 Letters to a Friend I Never Knew (LW only): Ted Harrison writes to his kidney transplant donor (4/6)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only) talks to hang-gliding champion Judy Leden; and examines the phenomenon of *the only child.* Incl **11.00 News**
10.30-12.00 The Royal Maundy Service (LW only): The Queen distributes the Royal Maundy at a service in Wells Cathedral. Commentator Clive Jacobs
11.30-12.00 From Our Own Correspondent (FM only)
12.00 You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Litmus Test: Fred Harris chairs the light-hearted science quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers *(r)* ***1.55*** *Shipping*
2.00 News; Truth Confined, by Juliet Ace. George and Robert (Charles Simpson, David Learner), two British soldiers in Sicily *during the second world* war, confide in one other
3.00 News; Radio Lives: Sean Street recalls the author, agricultural journalist and *broadcaster Arthur Street (r)*
3.42 RSVP: Matthew Parris investigates Samuel Johnson's letter to Lord Chesterfield (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope discusses the future of radio drama; talks to the poet Tom Paulin; and reviews the Royal Ballet's new production of *Don Quixote*
4.45 Short Story: The Vice-Consul, by V.S. Pritchett. Read by Sean Barrett (r)
5.00 PM 5.45 Party Political *Broadcast by the* Conservative party **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Burnt: The fifth of six-part political thriller by Nigel Baldwin. Starring Dennis Waterman as Mikie (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 One Step Beyond: See Choice
8.00 Analysis: Flexible Friends? Tony Killick looks at economic reforms by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in the Third World
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For listeners with disabilities
9.15 *Kaleidoscope* *(r)*
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: On the Third Day, by Piers Paul Read. Charles Simpson reads the fourth of ten parts
11.00 The Blackburn Files: A Case of Happy Endings. Finetime Fontayne stars as private detective Stephen J. Blackburn in the last of the series
11.30 The Great Shark Hunt: Andy Kershaw solves the enigma of the basking shark (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Portraits in Brass. *Radio 3, 4.00pm.*
The composer-conductor-trumpeter Elgar Howarth sits for the first of David Hoult's three portraits. If the other two have the same wide span, we do not need to fear for the future of British brass band music. Four Howarth works are played. *Ascendit in coeli. The Bandsman's Tale* and the *Trumpet Concerto* contain fine tunes and strong rhythms. But it is the *In memoriam RK* — the initials are those of Rudolf Kempe, the great conductor — that triumphantly proves Howarth's point that brass band music by British composers does not always have *to sound* Elgarian or Waltonesque.

One Step Beyond. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
Science fiction is kept at arm's length from science fact in Jez Nelson's plain man's guide *to terraforming* — technospeak for taking Earth life to other worlds. The prospect of colonising Mars is one of the programme's main preoccupations. Exploratory work in the United States suggests that it is not all as crackpot as the writing of the poem which one *environmentalist* boffin claims was transmitted to him by an unborn Martian. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** *Newsbeat* **12.45** *John Peel* **3.00** *Gary Davies* **5.00** *Mark Goodier's Mega Hits* **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Sheffield Sound City '93: Music from the Lemonheads, Various Vegetables, Molly Half Head, Ned's Atomic Dustbin and Inspiral Carpets **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

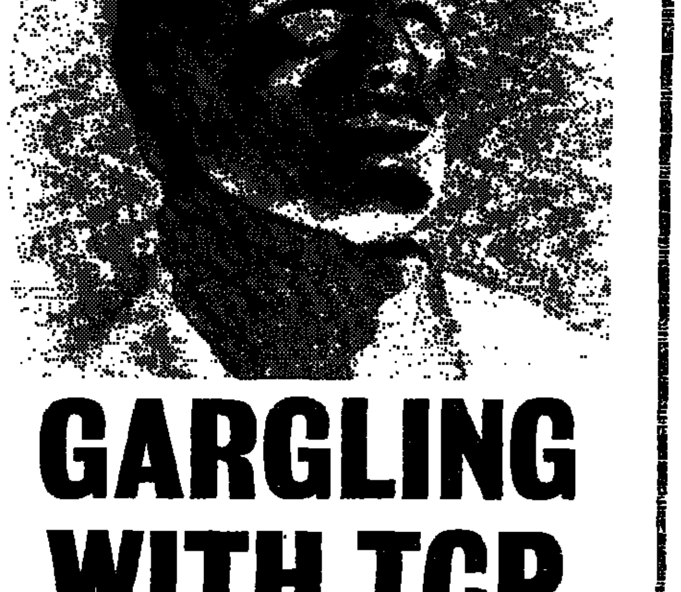
RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gloria Gaynor **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 5.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** The AM Alternative with Janice Long **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** Garden Centre with Richard Jackson *and Clare Bradley* ***1.05*** *Luck de Luxe and the Flying Sheds* ***1.35*** *Take Five* **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** A Fishbone of Fairytales: Prince Rabbit, by A.A. Milne. Read by Alison Steadman **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** Red Devils, by Debbie Horsfield **10.10** Eastern Beat, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** *News and Press Review in German* **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** World News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.50** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** The Man in Black **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Age of Iron **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** World News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Bach's St Matthew Passion **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In the Steps of Rachmaninoff **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seven Seas **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** The Man in Black **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am *Mike Smith* **9.00** *Henry Kelly* **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1: Bozena Steinerova); Mozart (E flat Trio, K 498) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Travel Guide with Alastair McKenzie **8.00** Classic FM Concert: *Classic London Philharmonic series. Includes Britten (Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra)* **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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From the Lion's mouth: Rory Underwood gives advice to some of the 140 boys from five countries gathered in Newbury yesterday for a coaching session. Underwood was one four England players on hand who will be touring New Zealand next month with the British Isles party (David Hands writes). Underwood, England's most capped player, was joined by his touring colleagues, Ben Clarke, Martin Bayfield and Jason Leonard in a skills day organised by Newbury rugby club and supported by National Power. Dick Best, the England coach but assistant to Ian McGeechan in New Zealand, added his coaching experience alongside Les Cusworth, the former England stand-off half now involved with England students. The players were hand-picked for training after distinguishing themselves at their own clubs, among them Havant, Maidenhead and Swindon. With so much enthusiasm apparent this season, not only at representative and senior club level but at the junior end of the game, most clubs now recognise the need for basic skills to be laid down as early as possible. As Terry Burwell, Newbury's director of coaching, observed, the session also gave some of England's leading players "the chance to get back to the grass roots of the sport while encouraging and sharpening the skills of our talented youngsters".

Ambassador Scudamore retires

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

PETER Scudamore's private thoughts could not have had a more public airing yesterday. As he brought his opening ride, Grand Hawk, into the short Ascot straight, the reasons for announcing his retirement became all too apparent.

Richard Dunwoody had been stalking him all the way, and finally swept past the man he has been threatening to dethrone for some years. Scudamore, at 34, had had enough.

Youth may have had its day, but the champion was not done with yet. Disappointment with Dagobertin in the second of his three rides was then followed by glorious triumph aboard Sweet Duke. Even the descending gloom could not take from the joy of the moment. The Ascot unsaddling enclosure reverberated like middle Sunday at Wimbledon.

Then followed the endless series of interviews, photocalls, handshakes and acknowledgements that go with the retirement of an ambassador such as Scudamore. He paused, signed autographs with his usual courtesy, but his mind was distant. He was pondering, perhaps, a life outside the microcosm of the weighing room.

The aftermath of victory brought with it a sharp reminder that he will need time to divorce himself from the riding game. Of Sweet Duke's performance, the jockey said: "I only wish I was a bit younger; then I could look forward to riding him over fences next season."

So sudden had been the announcement that the public had no time to gather for this farewell. The crowd, at 3,924, was more than 1,000 down on the corresponding day last year.

A posse of City types, ensconced in a box high in the stand and well fortified, to be sure, against the chill, gave to Scudamore's final paddock appearance the air of a football match in full flow. The racecourse cannot have heard the like of it as they chanted: "There's only one Peter Scudamore."

Scudamore is, in fact, the Kevin Keegan of the racing world. Well-mannered, articulate and passionate, the jockey has achieved rare distinction even though there have been contemporaries with more raw talent.

While Scudamore knows and accepts that, Dunwoody, the champion-elect, praised his colleague. "He's the one person I've always looked up to in the weighing room," Dunwoody said. "There's no doubt our tremendous rivalry this season has made me feel the pinch. It's been very tense."

Earlier in the day, Scudamore had outlined the reasons for his retirement. "I just felt that the time was right," he said. "I've had a wonderful career, but I don't look forward to it in the same way now.

"It's something I've been thinking about for a long time. I sometimes looked down the list of runners in novice chases and would think that I don't want to risk injury. I just feel that it's not fair on myself, or the people that I ride for, to carry on."

Scudamore is now likely to become assistant trainer to Nigel Twiston-Davies, his friend and business partner, and will also seek opportunities in the media.

Martin Pipe, meanwhile, revealed how the staff at his Somerset stables had been touched by a tape-recording the jockey had prepared yesterday morning. "It was a very emotional start to the day," Pipe said. "Scu is a dear personal friend and will, of course, be sadly missed by all of us."

There is the strange sense of relief at the retirement of a gladiator such as Scudamore. What should serve as an excuse to uncork the carnival atmosphere only allows for deep concern that the man returns, smiling, from his final ride.

The celebrations started after the formalities of Sweet Duke's victory were complete. None will have been more relieved than his wife, Marilyn, and his two sons, Thomas and Michael, the former hell-bent on extending the family name into racing's records.

As Scudamore paves the way for a future career among the training ranks, Adrian Maguire was being freely touted to replace him as Pipe's stable jockey. It was Pipe who plucked Maguire from obscurity to ride Omerta two years ago, and was rewarded with victories in the Kim Muir Chase and the Irish Grand National. For now, though, Pipe was giving nothing away.

Scudamore had prepared well for this day; his parting thoughts were brief and reflective. The biggest tribute was reserved, in his words, "for all the wonderful horses I've ridden, too numerous to mention. They are all honest and genuine." A bit like the man himself.

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Players voice concern about the cut

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

THE sun was shining yesterday at Augusta National, where the US Masters begins today, and it looked its photogenic self even though the course was still wet and the weather forecast for later in the week is one of rain and thunder.

Augusta is not a monstrously long golf course, although it measures 6,905 yards, but traditionally it is thought to favour long hitters, who fly the ball miles through the air and do not rely on any roll for their length. Jack Nicklaus, the archetype of such a style, has won six times here but Gary Player, never renowned for his length, has won three times.

It was not the weather that caused Nick Faldo to comment on the course's length this year, however. It was the cut of the fairways. "They've mowed them towards the tee," he said, "and there's 20 yards less roll on the drive. I've never seen it anywhere else and it's not trickery. But it definitely makes it longer."

All the fairways have been mowed from green to tee, which means that the ball pitches into the grain and goes virtually nowhere. "Last year we were down-grain from tee to green and the year before they mowed criss-cross," Greg Norman said.

Nick Price, like Norman and Faldo one of the pre-tournament favourites, felt that with conditions as they were, local knowledge counted for much less, particularly on the greens. "I'd like to see the course get faster," he said. "If it stays like this there's a good chance that a first-time player might win."

That does not happen often. Horton Smith, in the first Masters in 1934, Gene Sarazen, in 1935, and Fuzzy Zoeller, in 1979, make up the list of successful debutants.

Back sufferers joined Price in hoping for warmer, sunnier weather. Seve Ballesteros was wearing a brace and hoping he could survive the week, while Tom Kite, the US Open champion, new to back trouble, was determined to play but not sure whether he would be able to.

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Card of the course, page 46

Clement protests innocence over drug claim

TONY Clement, the Wales full back, maintained his innocence yesterday as Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) officials sought confirmation that he had tested positive for a banned substance following the five nations' match with France in Paris on March 20.

The Swansea player, 26, said: "I am utterly amazed. I am facing a possible ban for taking medication prescribed for me by a doctor."

Clement — one of only four Welshmen to be chosen for this summer's British Lions tour of New Zealand — had been given medicine by the WRU doctor on arrival in Paris because he was suffering from sickness and dysentery.

"In those circumstances, you don't question what you are taking; your mind is solely concentrated on the game," Clement said.

Clement and his opposite number, Jean-Baptiste Lafond, were two of four players tested following the game and, according to French sources, both failed. The WRU yesterday contacted its French counterpart and is expecting an update on the allegations.

The WRU is also asking for a copy of the "red" list issued by the French Ministry for Sport detailing banned substances and will compare it with the International Olympic Committee banned list.

Denis Evans, the WRU secretary, said earlier: "We are confident that the medication given to Tony Clement under the supervision of our medical staff was correct. The WRU medical staff are convinced there was no infringement of the IOC regulations. Tony gave a full list of the medication he had taken to the drug testing officer."

Lafond had been taking a cough cure that contained pholcodine, a narcotic analgesic not on the IOC banned list. If found guilty Clement and Lafond could face a suspension of three months for using a stimulant, or up to two years for a steroid.

Nigel Walker has withdrawn from the Wales squad for the World Cup Sevens that begin at Murrayfield on April 16, as his wife, Mary, has developed complications with a pregnancy.

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FA investigates agent's role in Australian signings



Bosnich: Australian

ASTON Villa's challenge for the Premier League championship may be undermined by an allegation that the club dealt illegally with an agent when signing the Australian goalkeeper, Mark Bosnich. The Football Association confirmed yesterday that it was setting up an enquiry into the signing by Villa of Bosnich, and, if the club is found guilty, the FA may deduct league points as a punishment.

Notts County, the first division club, are also to be investigated over its signing of two other Australians, Shaun Murphy and Bob Catlin, and would face a similar punishment to Villa. In County's case, deducted points would leave the club struggling to avoid relegation.

The executive committee of the FA has met to discuss the deals by both clubs — which have allegedly involved paying fees to an agent who held the players' registrations — and its spokesman, David Bloomfield, said: "It was decided that there could possibly have been a breach of the rules. An enquiry is in the process of being set up." Under the rules of Fifa, the game's world governing body, agents are banned from holding players' registrations.

Both transfers allegedly concern the agent, Graham Smith, a former Chelsea director, and his First Wave Sports Management company. Bosnich, 21, bought his registration from Sydney Croatia by borrowing £12,000 from his family before Villa allegedly agreed to pay First Wave a £150,000 down-payment for his signature. He has since established a permanent place in the championship-chasing Premier League side.

County reportedly agreed a £137,500 fee with First Wave for the signatures of the midfield player, Murphy, 22, and goalkeeper, Catlin, 28, in the summer after the company bought their registrations from Perth Italia and Marconi respectively.

The Villa chairman, Doug Ellis, said yesterday: "Everything we have done is quite legal and above board."

Neal Hook, County's chief executive, said: "As far as I am concerned, we did nothing to contravene any regulation. Graham Smith acted as our consultant in the signing of Catlin.

"He knew all about the player from his time as a director of Chelsea and provided us with help. There was nothing more than that."

□ Spartak Moscow beat Royal Antwerp 1-0 in the first leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final yesterday. A brilliant goal from Andrei Pyatnitsky after 40 minutes gave the Russians their victory in Moscow.

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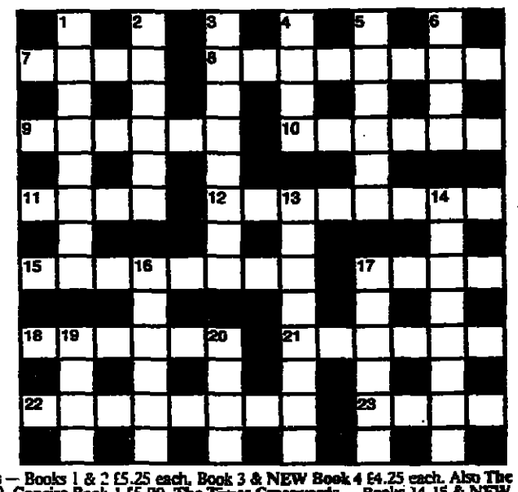
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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3067



ACROSS
7 Dish (4)
8 Draft outline (5,3)
9 Courageous (6)
10 Tangled (6)
11 Crazy (4)
12 Purebred line (8)
15 Witty reply (8)
17 Overwhelming defeat (4)
18 Assault (6)
21 Discussion (6)
22 Scholarly type (8)
23 Greek love god (4)

DOWN
1 Put up with (8)
2 Dark, dismal (6)
3 Crank (8)
4 Main part (4)
5 Packed crowd (6)
6 Drugs raid (4)
13 Far below (4,4)
14 Equal comparison (8)
16 Lack of interest (6)
17 Bridge match (6)
19 Slender (4)
20 Scots church (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3066

ACROSS: 1 Staff 4 Cutback 8 Opportune 9 Pen 10 Tor 11 Incessant 12 Waned 13 Relic 16 Disinfect 18 Nor 20 Web 21 Introvert 22 Relayed 23 Enter

DOWN: 1 Stout 2 Aspirin 3 Forbidden City 4 Crunch 5 Treasure trove 6 Alpha 7 Kinetic 12 Widower 14 Lenient 15 Melted 17 Sibyl 19 Rotor

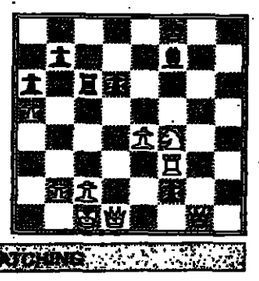
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Daly — Suba, Debrecen 1992. Black has a very dangerous passed pawn on f2, but it looks as though white may have got it under control. Black's following combination dispelled this illusion. What did he play?

Solution on page 43.



WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

MARQUESAN
a. Pertaining to a marquess
b. A Polynesian aboriginal
c. A probability formula

SIMBA
a. A lascivious Brazilian dance
b. Bachelor of performing arts
c. A lion

CHALONE
a. An armoured kilt
b. An internal secretion
c. A Mediterranean dry wind

PIFFER
a. To drivel or haver
b. A pear/apple cross
c. A Punjabi soldier

Answers on page 43

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